

Preparing for implementation of Upstream Cymru

Identifying local authority youth
homelessness trends and priority schools

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Introduction

Context

In 2017 the First Minister of Wales at the time, Carwyn Jones, made a commitment to end youth homelessness within 10 years. To deliver on this goal there needs to be urgent upstream action to reduce the number of young people who reach crisis point. Since 2018, Llamau and Cardiff University have been working in collaboration with schools, youth services and a range of other services to develop Upstream Cymru – a school-based intervention intended to respond to the challenge of acting earlier to prevent youth homelessness.

Through Upstream Cymru pupils complete a survey that identifies risk of homelessness, particularly because of family relationship breakdown, and support is then offered to the young people and their families. The approach is modelled on the pioneering and inspirational Australian Geelong Project, which resulted in a 40% reduction in youth homelessness presentations and a 20% reduction in the number of young people leaving school early. Upstream Cymru is currently being developed and piloted in several schools in Wales.

Given the need to move swiftly upstream in efforts to prevent youth homelessness, and the promising signs emerging from the Upstream Cymru pilot, Oak Foundation provided support to help lay foundations for wider roll-out of the intervention. This report presents the findings of this work.

Aim and objectives

The aim of this report is to help lay foundations for potential Wales-wide implementation of Upstream Cymru. More specifically, this report addresses two main objectives:

- 1. Describe trends in youth homelessness applications in all Welsh local authorities**
Describing recent trends in homelessness applications provides local authorities with a baseline against which the impacts of any upstream actions, including the implementation of Upstream Cymru, can be assessed. This data will also help to identify local authorities where upstream intervention is most needed because youth homelessness is increasing or failing to reduce.
- 2. Identify priority schools for upstream homelessness prevention support**
This report makes use of available data to identify schools where Upstream Cymru is likely to have greatest impact (i.e. where most young people are at risk of homelessness). This evidence base will help inform future selection of schools where Upstream Cymru may be implemented and will provide a further baseline against which impacts can be measured.

Methodology

The report sought to compile an analysis of three main data sets for each local authority.

1. Youth homelessness application trend data

To address the first study objective, data was extracted from StatsWales on homelessness application outcomes for young people (age 16-24) for each local authority. Data were graphed to illustrate the direction of any trends.

2. Linked homelessness and education data

In seeking to address the second study objective, Youth Homelessness Coordinators in each local authority were asked to provide an aggregated, linked dataset showing the schools attended by young people (age 16-25) who made a homelessness application to the local authority between 2015/16 and 2020/21. Data were tabulated and schools with the highest number of young people making homelessness applications were identified. Any cell values less than 5 were removed to ensure no individual young person could be identified. This data provides a reliable indicator of potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention and provides a baseline against which the effectiveness of future interventions can be measured.

This request proved difficult for many local authorities to undertake. Local authorities were followed up by email and telephone call on multiple occasions over more than six months. Non-respondent local authorities were then sent the same query through a Freedom of Information request. Appendix A shows that seven local authorities were able to provide the data. Local authorities who could not provide the data generally explained that data is either not recorded or held by the authority, or their systems inhibited linkage.

3. Free School Meals data

In the absence of linked homelessness and education data in some local authorities, and given known associations between poverty and homelessness, data on the number of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school is presented as a potential proxy indicator for risk of homelessness. The number and percentage of pupils eligible for FSM in each school in the local authority were extracted from StatsWales and tabulated. We then sought to identify a range of schools with the highest number of pupils eligible for FSM that might be prioritised for upstream intervention.

Where linked homelessness and education data is available alongside FSM data there is an important opportunity to critically reflect on the suitability of FSM data as a proxy for risk of homelessness. We return to this issue in the conclusions.

Report structure

The next chapter provides a summary of the headline findings, before detailed findings are presented for each of the 22 Welsh local authorities. Whilst the primary contribution of this report is to provide local authority-level data, the conclusions take the opportunity to reflect on trends emerging across local authorities.

Key findings

Youth homelessness trends

- Trends in total homelessness application outcomes across Welsh local authorities vary considerably; applications are increasing in seven local authorities (LAs), fairly constant in a further seven LAs, decreasing in four LAs, and in three LAs there is a bell-shaped pattern in applications (i.e. an initial increase, followed by a more recent decrease).
- Relief outcomes constitute an increasing proportion of homelessness application outcomes for young people in nine Welsh local authorities. There is only one local authority where this trend is reversed and there is a shift towards greater prevention outcomes. This trend has been worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic where services and support shifted towards crisis response.

Identifying priority schools for upstream homelessness prevention support

- Seven local authorities were able to provide linked education and homelessness data. In these local authorities it was possible to identify the schools most frequently attended by young people who made homelessness applications across a five-year period.
- In many special schools and PRUs, whilst the absolute number of young people who made a homelessness application is relatively low, they constitute a very high proportion of pupils in the school.
- In the absence of linked data in 15 local authorities the study relied on Free School Meal (FSM) data as a proxy for poverty and potential risk of homelessness. Whilst this data provides some indication of the schools that might be targeted for upstream intervention, in local authorities where both linked data and FSM data were available, there was close alignment between the two datasets less than fifty per cent of the time.
- The challenges local authorities faced in providing linked homelessness and education data highlights the need for much improved data environments in local authorities. The ability to be able to follow people's journeys through different systems is crucial to informing upstream youth homelessness prevention efforts.

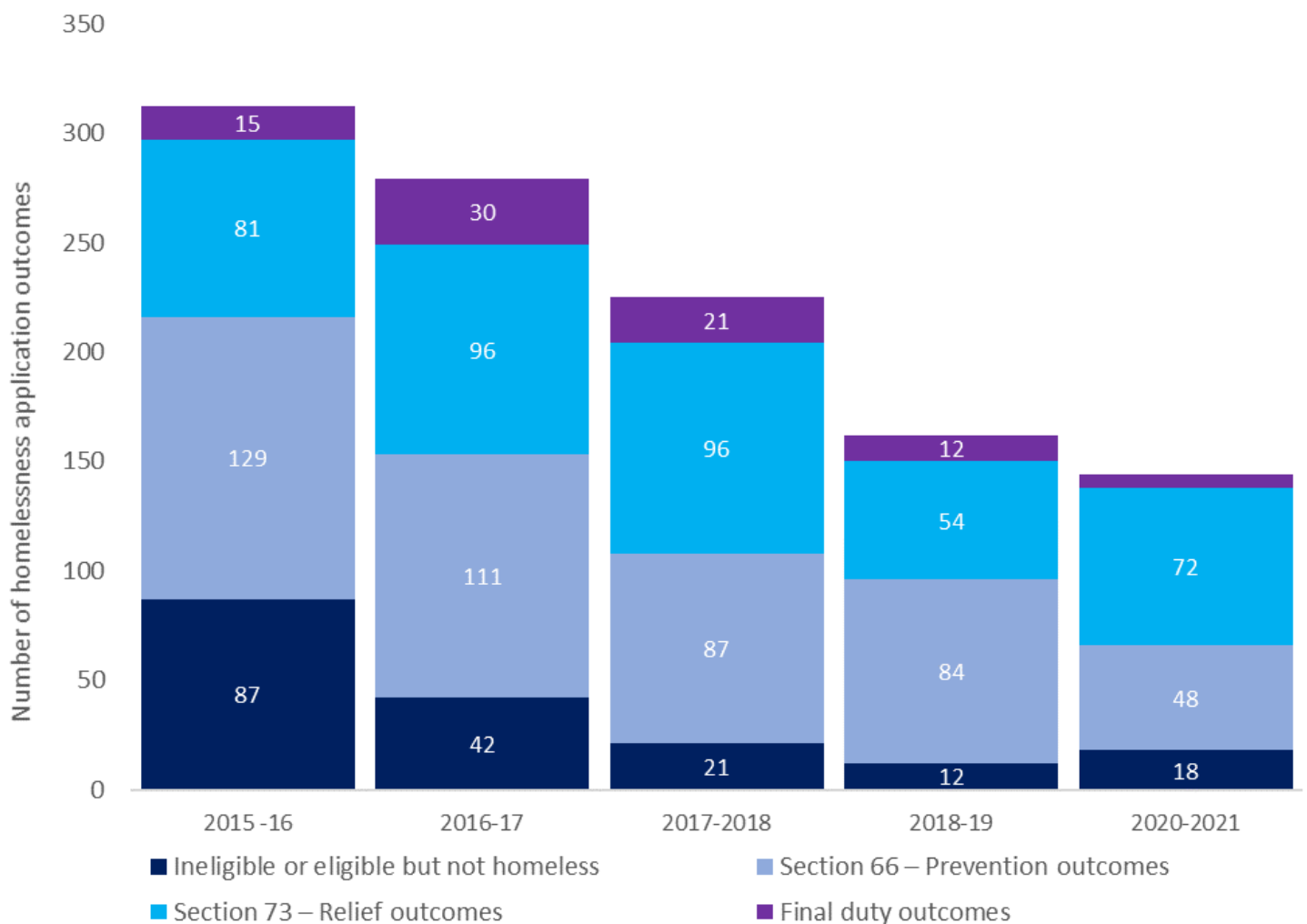
Local authority findings

Blaenau Gwent

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 1 shows youth homelessness trends in Blaenau Gwent between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of youth homelessness application outcomes generally decreased over this period. Prevention and final duty outcomes decreased each year from 2015/16 to 2020/21, whereas there was a slight increase in relief outcomes recorded during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020/21.

Figure 1. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Blaenau Gwent 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 1 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Blaenau Gwent in 2021. There are 6 Secondary Schools in Blaenau Gwent, two of which (**Abertillery Learning Community** and **Ebbw Fawr Learning Community**) have 375 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM, and these young people make up high or relatively high percentages of their school populations (ranging from 30%-31%). Abertillery Learning Community has the highest number of pupils eligible for FSM and these constitute 31% of all pupils at the school, making it a particularly high priority school according to FSM data.

Given the high number of pupils eligible for FSM in **Abertillery Learning Community** and **Ebbw Fawr Learning Community**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Also of note are Pen y Cwm Special School and The River Centre Learning Community (BESD school) which have particularly high percentages of pupils eligible for FSM (45% and 55% respectively), albeit they have relatively low absolute numbers of pupils (65 and 30 respectively). Consideration might be given to targeted support in these schools.

Table 1. Number of Pupils receiving Free School Meals in Blaenau Gwent in 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Abertillery Learning Community*	535	1,715	31%
Ebbw Fawr Learning Community*	375	1,250	30%
Tredeggar Comprehensive School	180	635	28%
Brynmawr Comprehensive School	180	690	26%
Pen y Cwm Special School (<i>special school</i>)**	65	145	45%
The River Centre Learning Community (<i>BESD school</i>)*	30	55	55%

*This is a 3-16 school; **This is a 3-19 school

N.B.: Pen y Cwm Special School includes pupils from Blaenau Gwent as well as from the neighbouring local authorities of Merthyr Tydfil, Torfaen, Monmouthshire and Newport

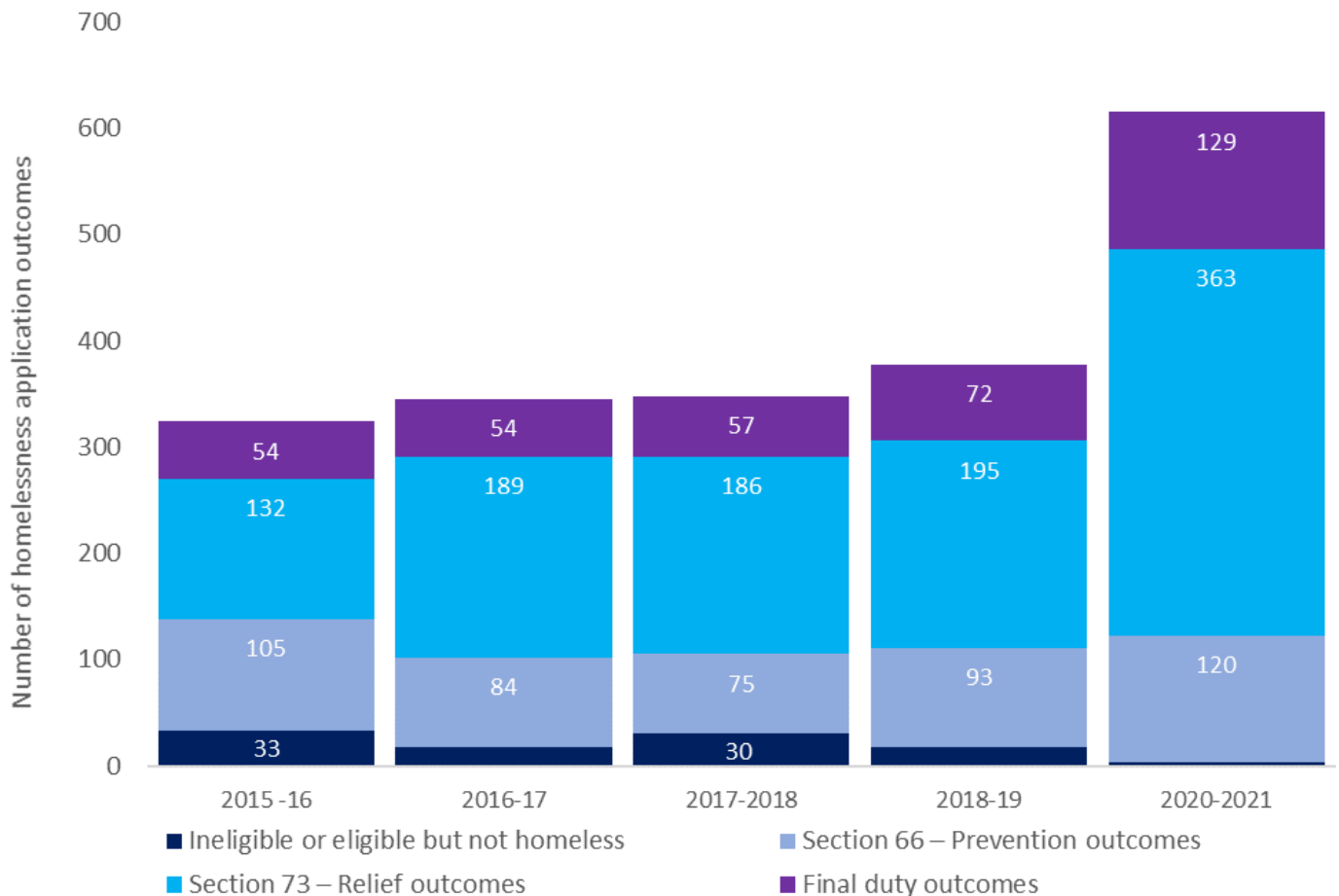
Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Bridgend

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 2 shows youth homelessness trends in Bridgend between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of youth homelessness application outcomes generally increased over this period. There were particularly high numbers of outcomes recorded during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020/21. Relief outcomes tended to increase each year and almost doubled in 2020/21. Final Duties outcomes have also risen each year. Prevention outcomes gradually decreased from 2015/16-2017/18, then increased from 2018/19 to 2020/21.

Figure 2. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Bridgend 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 2 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Bridgend in 2021. There are 11 Secondary Schools in Bridgend, two of which (**Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen** and **Maesteg Comprehensive School**) have 350 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM and these young people make up a high percentage of their school populations (ranging from 31-33%). Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen has the highest number of pupils eligible for FSM (390) and these constitute 31% of all pupils at the school, making it a particularly high priority school according to FSM data. Maesteg Comprehensive School has a slightly higher percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (33%) but a smaller absolute number of FSM pupils (350 compared to 390 at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen).

Notably, two other schools within the local authority (Cynffig Comprehensive School and Brynteg School) also have a high absolute number of pupils eligible for FSM (235 and 205 respectively).

Given the high number of pupils eligible for FSM in **Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen** and **Maesteg Comprehensive School**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Also of note are Heronsbridge Special School and Ysgol Bryn Castell (BESD school), which have particularly high percentages of pupils eligible for FSM (42% and 56% respectively) whilst having a relatively low absolute number of pupils (100 and 95 respectively). Consideration might be given to targeted support in these schools.

Table 2. Number of Pupils receiving Free School Meals in Bridgend in 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen	390	1,275	31%
Maesteg Comprehensive School	350	1,075	33%
Cynffig Comprehensive School	235	785	30%
Brynteg School	205	1,470	14%
Bryntirion Comprehensive School	165	1240	13%
Pencoed Comprehensive	160	900	18%
Porthcawl Comprehensive School	145	1200	12%
Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School,	135	875	15%
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd	100	655	15%
Heronsbridge Special School*	100	240	42%
Ysgol Bryn Castell (BESD school)**	95	165	56%

*This is a 3-19 special school; **This is a 7-19 Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties School

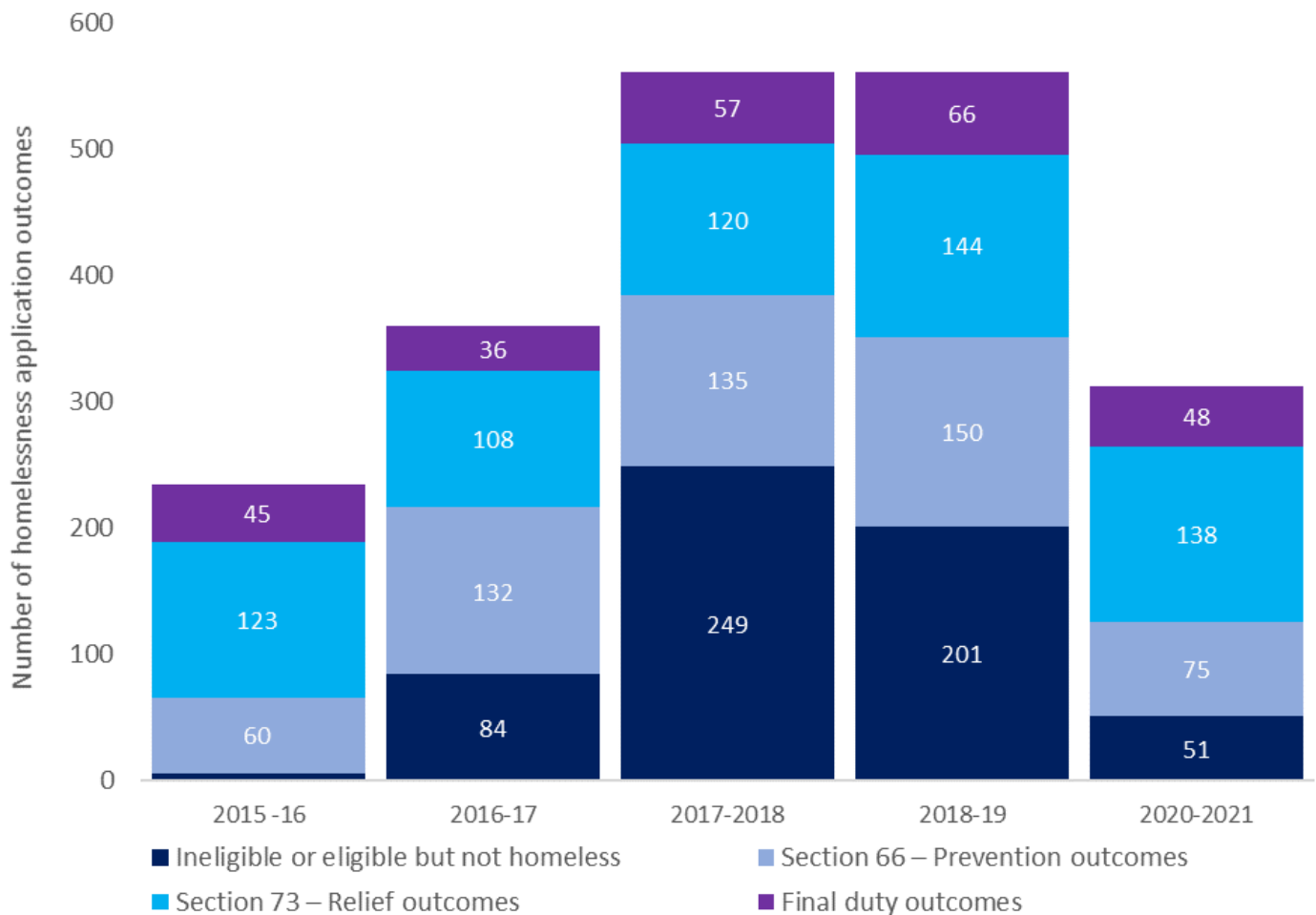
Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Caerphilly

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 3 shows youth homelessness trends in Caerphilly between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of youth homelessness application outcomes raised and then decreased over this period. Prevention outcomes increased from 2015/16 to 2018/19, then halved in 2020/21 during the Covid-19 pandemic. Relief outcomes varied between 108 – 144 application outcomes across the period, with no particular pattern observed. Final Duty outcomes gradually increased from 2015/16 to 2018/19 and decreased in 2020/21.

Figure 3. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Caerphilly 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 3 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Caerphilly in 2021. There are 13 Secondary Schools in Caerphilly, four of which (**St Cenydd Comprehensive School, Idris Davies School, Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni** and **Blackwood Comprehensive School**) have 255 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM. St Cenydd Comprehensive and Idris Davies School both have the same absolute number of pupils eligible for FSM (305), whilst Idris Davies School has a higher percentage (34% compared to 29%). It should be noted that Idris Davies School is a 3-18 school, therefore these FSM figures may be elevated relative to other secondary schools in the borough. However, the percentage is still high overall for Idris Davies school.

Two additional schools within the local authority, Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni and Blackwood Comprehensive School, also have high absolute numbers of pupils eligible for FSM (260 and 255). Although Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni has a relatively low percentage (15%) it remains the third highest number of pupils eligible for FSM due to the school population size.

Given the high number of pupils eligible for FSM in **St Cenydd Comprehensive School and Idris Davies School 3-18**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Also of note is Trinity Fields School (special school), where there is a particularly high percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (46%) despite a relatively low absolute number of FSM eligible pupils (85). Consideration might be given to targeted support in this school.

Table 3. Number of Pupils receiving Free School Meals in Caerphilly in 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
St Cenydd Comprehensive School	305	1,055	29%
Idris Davies School 3-18*	305	900	34%
Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni	260	1,760	15%
Blackwood Comprehensive School	255	970	26%
Islwyn High School	240	1060	23%
Bedwas High School	215	695	31%
Newbridge School	205	1000	21%
St Martins Comprehensive School	200	1025	20%
Heolddu Comprehensive	190	610	31%
Lewis Girls Comprehensive School	150	670	22%
Risca Comprehensive School	145	655	22%
Lewis School Pengam	130	680	19%
Trinity Fields School (<i>special school</i>)**	85	185	46%

*This is a 3-18 school; **This is a 3-19 special school

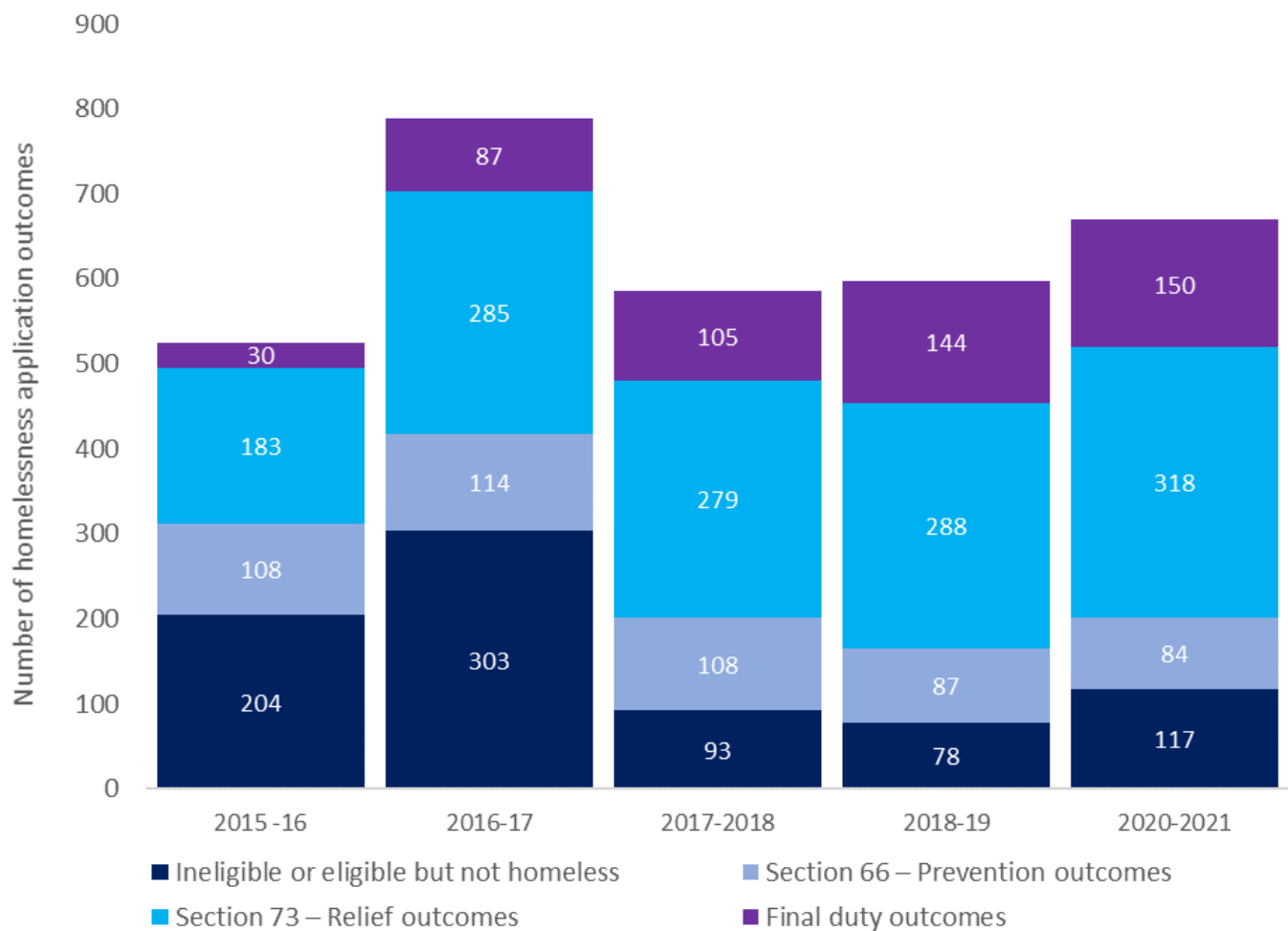
Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Carmarthenshire

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 4 shows youth homelessness trends in Carmarthenshire between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of youth homelessness application outcomes generally increased over this period. Focusing on different outcome types, it appears prevention outcomes largely decreased from 2016/17, while relief and final duty outcomes show an upwards trajectory. The number of relief outcomes increased from 183 in 2015-16 to 318 in 2020-21.

Figure 4. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Carmarthenshire 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](https://stats.wales.gov.uk/)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 4 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Carmarthenshire in 2021. There are 15 secondary schools in Carmarthenshire, five of which (**Ysgol Dyffryn Aman, Coedcae Secondary School, Queen Elizabeth High School, Bryngwyn Comprehensive School and Glan-y-Mor Secondary School**) have 185 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM. Ysgol Dyffryn Aman has a smaller percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (24%) than many other Carmarthenshire schools, yet the highest absolute number of eligible pupils (340). Coedcae Secondary School has the second highest number of pupils eligible for FSM (295) and a much higher percentage than Ysgol Dyffryn Aman (36%).

Three additional schools may also be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention. Queen Elizabeth High School and Bryngwyn Comprehensive School have a high number of pupils eligible for FSM (285 and 245 respectively), and these constitute a relatively high percentage of pupils (21% and 23% respectively). Glan-y-Mor Secondary School also has one of the highest percentages of pupils eligible for FSM (33%) but due to the size of the school the absolute number of pupils eligible for FSM is lower than four other schools (185).

Given the high number of pupils eligible for FSM in **Ysgol Dyffryn Aman** and **Coedcae Secondary School**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Also of note are Ysgol Heol Goffa (special school) and Rhyd y Gors (BESD school). Whilst they have a relatively low absolute number of pupils eligible for FSM (60 and 25 respectively), they have particularly high percentages of pupils eligible for FSM (57% and 71% respectively). Consideration might be given to targeted support in these schools.

Identifying priority schools: linked schools and homelessness applications data

Table 5 shows the number of pupils from each school in Carmarthenshire who made a homelessness application to the local authority between September 2015 and August 2020. This data provides a more reliable indicator of potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention than FSM data because it focuses on homelessness experiences, rather than using poverty/FSM as a proxy for risk of youth homelessness.

Five schools each have at least 192 pupils who made a homelessness application between September 2015 and August 2020 (**Coedcae Secondary, Queen Elizabeth High, Bryngwyn Comprehensive, Bro Dinefwr, and Dyffryn Aman**). The number of young people making an application appears to be consistently higher in these schools relative to other schools in the local authority. Any of these five schools would be a potential priority school for Upstream Cymru intervention.

The schools identified in Table 5 are broadly consistent with those identified by FSM data in Table 4, with several important exceptions. First, Bro Dinefwr Secondary School is amongst the potential priority schools identified in Table 5, whereas it was not prioritised according to FSM data (Table 4). Second, Glan-y-Mor Secondary School is not identified as a priority in Table 4 because there are consistently lower levels of young people from the school making

homelessness applications. Third, Ysgol Dyffryn Aman was a clear priority in Table 4 but in Table 5 it ranks 5th according to total homelessness applications across the 5-year period.

The school emerging as a clear priority for Upstream Cymru intervention is **Coedcae Secondary School**. Homelessness applications across the 5-year period from young people who attended the school are higher than all other schools, albeit there has been a marked reduction in yearly applications over the period. Taken alongside the fact that Coedcae has relatively low pupil numbers, the data strongly points towards selecting the school as a priority for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Table 4. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Carmarthenshire, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Ysgol Dyffryn Aman	340	1,400	24%
Coedcae Secondary School	295	830	36%
Queen Elizabeth High School	285	1,345	21%
Bryngwyn Comprehensive School	245	1,045	23%
Glan-y-Mor Secondary School	185	555	33%
Bro Dinefwr Secondary School	180	1180	15%
Ysgol Bro Dinefwr	180	1180	15%
Ysgol Gyfun Y Strade	145	1215	12%
Ysgol Maes Y Gwendraeth	125	1085	12%
Dyffryn Taf Secondary School	110	925	12%
Ysgol Gyfun Emlyn	110	460	24%
St John Lloyd Catholic Comprehensive School	110	485	23%
Ysgol Heol Goffa (<i>special school</i>)*	60	105	57%
Bro Myrddin Welsh Comprehensive School	35	930	4%
Rhyd y Gors (<i>BESD school</i>)**	25	35	71%

*This is a 3-19 special school; **This is a 7-16 Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties School

Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Table 5. Schools attended by young people aged 16-25 who made a homelessness application to the local authority, by year of application (September 2015 - August 2020)

School	Sep 15- Aug 16	Sep 16- Aug 17	Sep 17- Aug 18	Sep 18 – Aug 19	Sep 19 – Aug 20	Total Sep 15- Aug 20	Total Number of Pupils 2021
Coedcae Secondary School	96	67	45	41	42	291	830
Queen Elizabeth High School	57	59	48	37	31	232	1,345
Bryngwyn Comprehensive School	73	51	33	40	32	229	1,045
Bro Dinefwr Secondary School	10	78	64	38	38	224	1180
Ysgol Dyffryn Aman	83	16	19	41	33	192	1,400
Ysgol Maes Y Gwendraeth	45	32	29	22	15	143	1085
Glan-y-Mor Secondary School	45	31	25	21	21	124	555
Ysgol Gyfun Y Strade	28	27	16	11	17	99	1215
St John Lloyd Catholic Comprehensive School	22	25	22	10	11	90	485
Ysgol Gyfun Emlyn	22	26	10	13	-	76	460
Dyffryn Taf Secondary School	29	10	14	12	7	72	925
Rhyd y Gors (<i>BESD school</i>)*	19	8	6	-	-	39	35
Bro Myrddin Welsh Comprehensive School	13	9	-	-	-	33	930

*This is a 7-16 Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties School

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N.B.: Ysgol Heol Goffa data not provided so not included

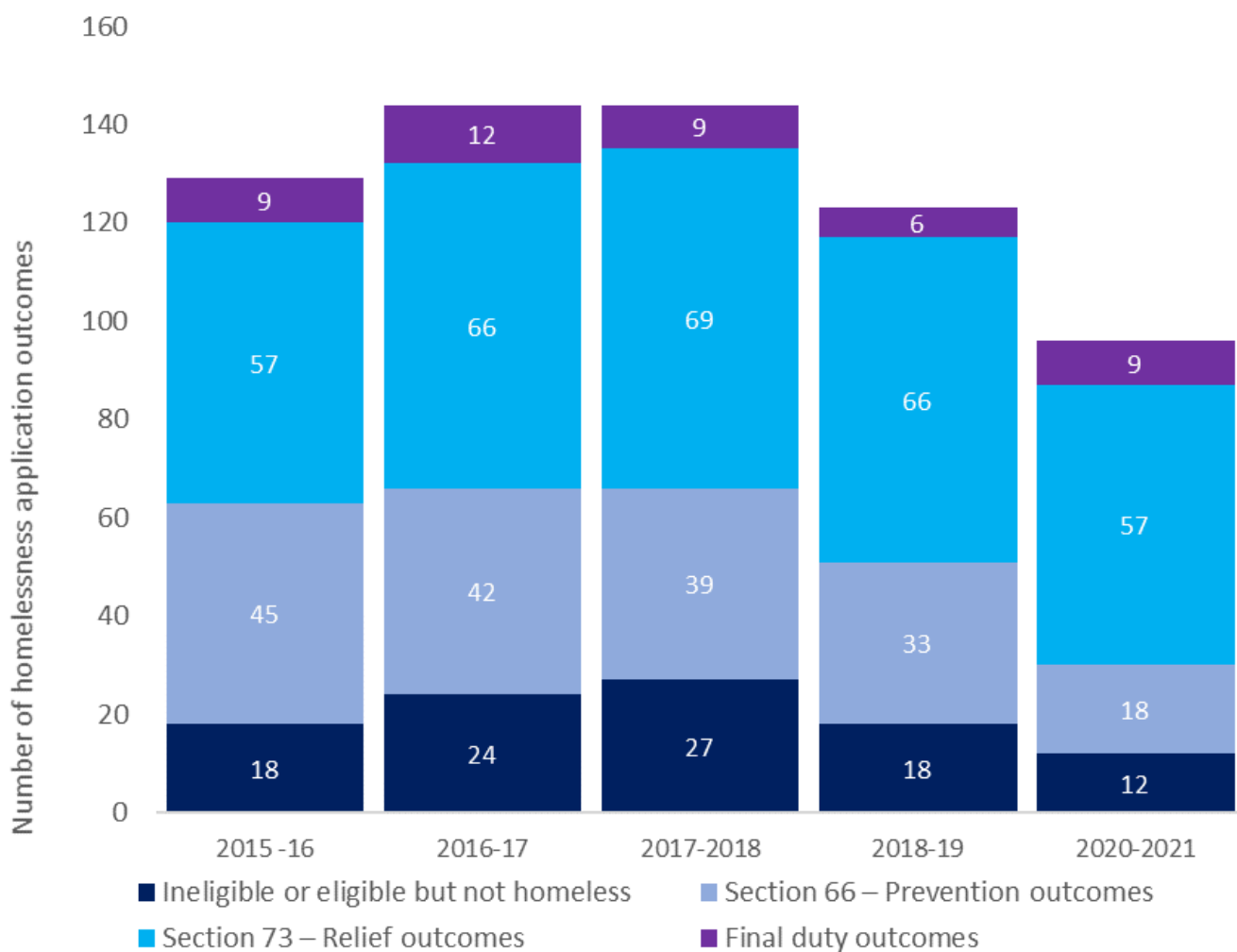
Source: Carmarthenshire local authority

Ceredigion

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 5 shows youth homelessness trends in Ceredigion between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of youth homelessness application outcomes increased up to 2017/18, then subsequently decreased to 2020/21. Whilst relief outcomes follow this general rise and fall pattern, prevention outcomes have decreased continually since 2015/16 to 2020/21.

Figure 5. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Ceredigion, 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 6 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Ceredigion in 2021. There are 7 secondary schools in Ceredigion, two of which (**Ysgol Bro Pedr** and **Penglais Comprehensive School**) have 165 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM. Penglais Comprehensive School has a smaller percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (15%) than some of the other schools within Ceredigion, although a high absolute number of pupils (165). Of particular note is Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi, which has the highest percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (22%) but a smaller absolute number (135) than Ysgol Bro Pedr and Penglais Comprehensive school.

Given the high number of pupils eligible for FSM in **Ysgol Bro Pedr** and **Penglais Comprehensive School**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention. Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi would also be a school to consider for the Upstream Cymru intervention. It should be noted that Ysgol Bro Pedr is a 3-19 school, therefore FSM figures may be elevated relative to other secondary schools.

Table 6. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Ceredigion, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Ysgol Bro Pedr*	205	1005	20%
Penglais School	165	1090	15%
Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi	135	625	22%
Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron Comprehensive	90	565	16%
Ysgol Henry Richard**	60	325	18%
Ysgol Bro Teifi*	60	325	18%
Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig	35	590	6%

*This is a 3-19 school; **This is a 3-16 school

Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: linked schools and homelessness applications data

Table 7 shows the number of pupils from each school in Ceredigion who made a homelessness application to the local authority between September 2015 and August 2020. This data provides a more reliable indicator of potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention than FSM data because it focuses on homelessness experiences, rather than using poverty/FSM as a proxy for risk of youth homelessness.

Three schools each have at least 43 pupils who made a homelessness application between September 2015 and August 2020 (**Penglais Comprehensive School, Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi, Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron Comprehensive**). The number of young people making an application appears to be consistently higher in these schools relative to other schools in the local authority. Any of these three schools would be a potential priority school for Upstream Cymru intervention.

The schools identified in Table 7 are broadly consistent with those identified by FSM data in Table 6, with several important exceptions. First, Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron Comprehensive is amongst the potential priority schools identified in Table 7, whereas it was not prioritised according to FSM data (Table 6). Second, Ysgol Bro Pedr was a clear priority in Table 6 but in Table 7 it ranks 4th according to total homelessness applications across the 5-year period with only 17 applications.

The school emerging as a clear priority for Upstream Cymru intervention is **Penglais Comprehensive School**. Homelessness applications across the 5-year period from young people who attended the school are double the number of applications from any other school.

It is also notable that Ceredigion local authority found that during the period 2015-2020, 322 homelessness applications were received by young people who did not attend a school in Ceredigion.

Table 7. Schools attended by young people aged 16-25 who made a homelessness application to the local authority, by year of application (September 2015 - August 2020)

School	Sep 15- Aug 16	Sep 16- Aug 17	Sep 17- Aug 18	Sep 18 – Aug 19	Sep 19 – Aug 20	Total Applications Sep 15- Aug 20	Total Pupils in school 2021
Penglais Comprehensive School	11	32	24	18	20	105	1090
Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi	10	10	13	7	11	51	625
Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron Comprehensive	-	8	11	7	12	43	565
Ysgol Bro Pedr*	-	-	-	-	-	17	1,005
Ysgol Henry Richard**	-	-	-	-	0	12	325
Penweddig Comprehensive School	0	-	-	-	-	9	590
Ysgol Bro Teifi	0	-	0	-	-	6	325

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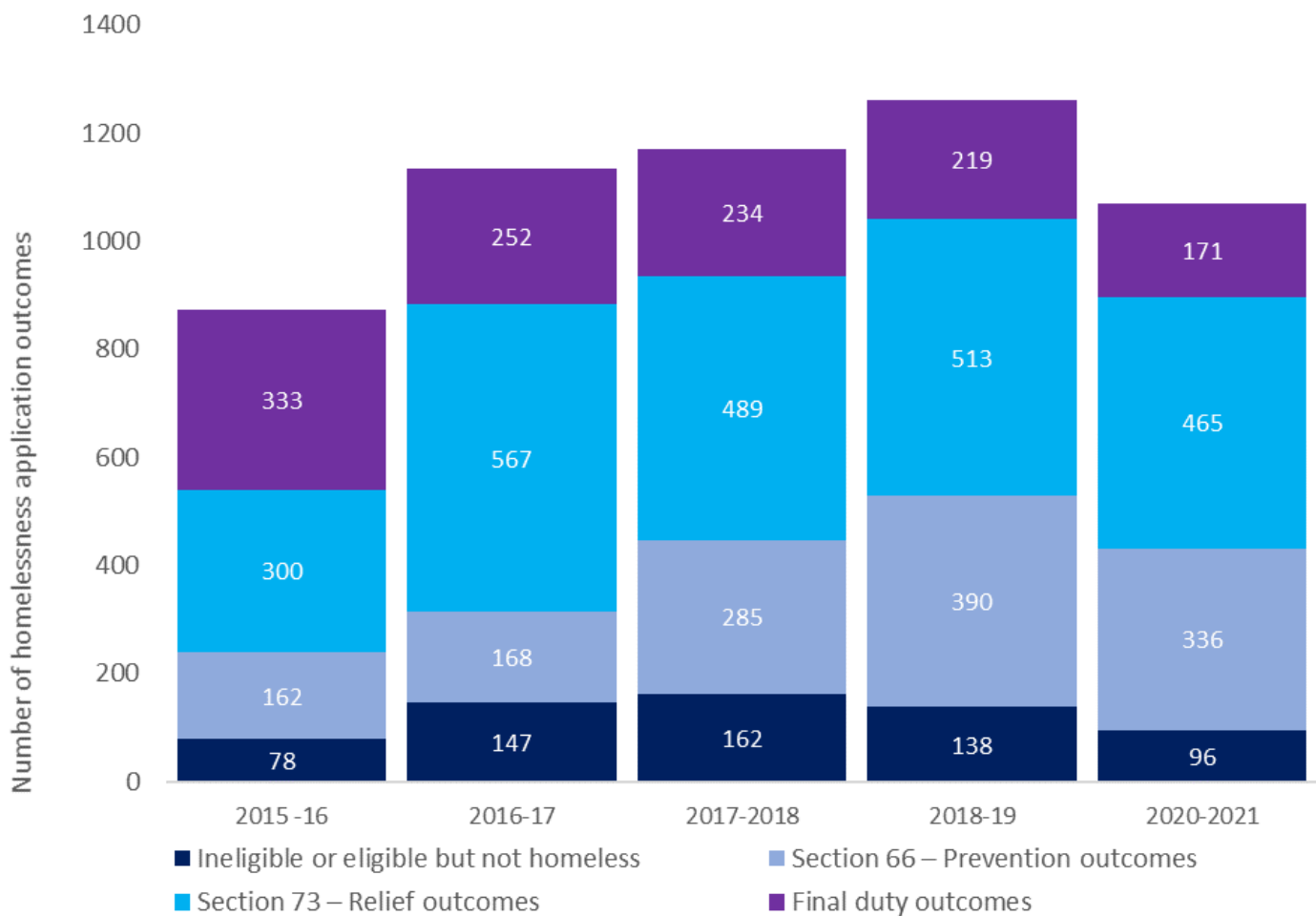
Source: Ceredigion local authority

Cardiff

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 6 shows youth homelessness trends in Cardiff between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of youth homelessness application outcomes generally increased over this period, although there was a decrease in 2020/21 during the Covid-19 pandemic. Focusing on different outcome types, it appears prevention outcomes largely increased from 2015/16 to 2018/19, followed by a decrease in 2020/21. Relief outcomes followed no clear trend, raising and decreasing year-on-year. Final duty outcomes generally decreased from 2015/16 to 2020/21.

Figure 6. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Cardiff 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](https://stats.wales.gov.uk/)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 8 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Cardiff in 2021. There are 21 secondary schools in Cardiff, five of which (**Fitzalan High School, Eastern High School, Cardiff West Community High School, Cathays High School** and **Llanishen High School**) have 410 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM. Fitzalan High School has a smaller percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (35%) than some other schools within Cardiff but the highest absolute number of pupils (625). Three additional schools may also be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention: Cardiff West Community High School (565 / 63% of pupils eligible for FSM); Cathays High School (435 / 42% of pupils eligible for FSM), and Llanishen High School (410 / 25% of pupils eligible for FSM).

Given the high number of pupils eligible for FSM in **Fitzalan High School** and **Eastern High School**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Also of note are Tŷ Gwyn (special school), Woodlands High School (special high school) and Green Hill School (BESD school), which have particularly high percentages of pupils eligible for FSM (46%, 57% and 77% respectively), albeit relatively low absolute number of pupils (90, 80 and 50 respectively). Consideration might be given to targeted support in these schools.

Table 8. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Cardiff, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Fitzalan High School	625	1,790	35%
Eastern High School	575	1,095	53%
Cardiff West Community High School	565	895	63%
Cathays High School	435	1,035	42%
Llanishen High School	410	1,630	25%
St Teilo's C-in-W High School	405	1,425	28%
Willows High School	400	730	55%
Whitchurch High School	360	2415	15%
St. Illtyd's Catholic High School	340	915	37%
Cantonian High School	335	845	40%
Mary Immaculate High School	305	790	39%
Corpus Christi Catholic High School	165	1085	15%
Radyr Comprehensive School	160	1,290	12%
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Eder	155	880	18%
Cardiff High School	145	1,770	8%
Bishop of Llandaff Church in Wales High School	125	1,240	10%
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr	125	1,145	11%
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf	115	1,330	9%
Tŷ Gwyn (<i>special school</i>)**	90	195	46%
Woodlands High School (<i>special high school</i>)	80	140	57%
Green Hill School (<i>BESD school</i>)*	50	65	77%

*This is a 3-16 Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties School; ** This is a 3-19 special school

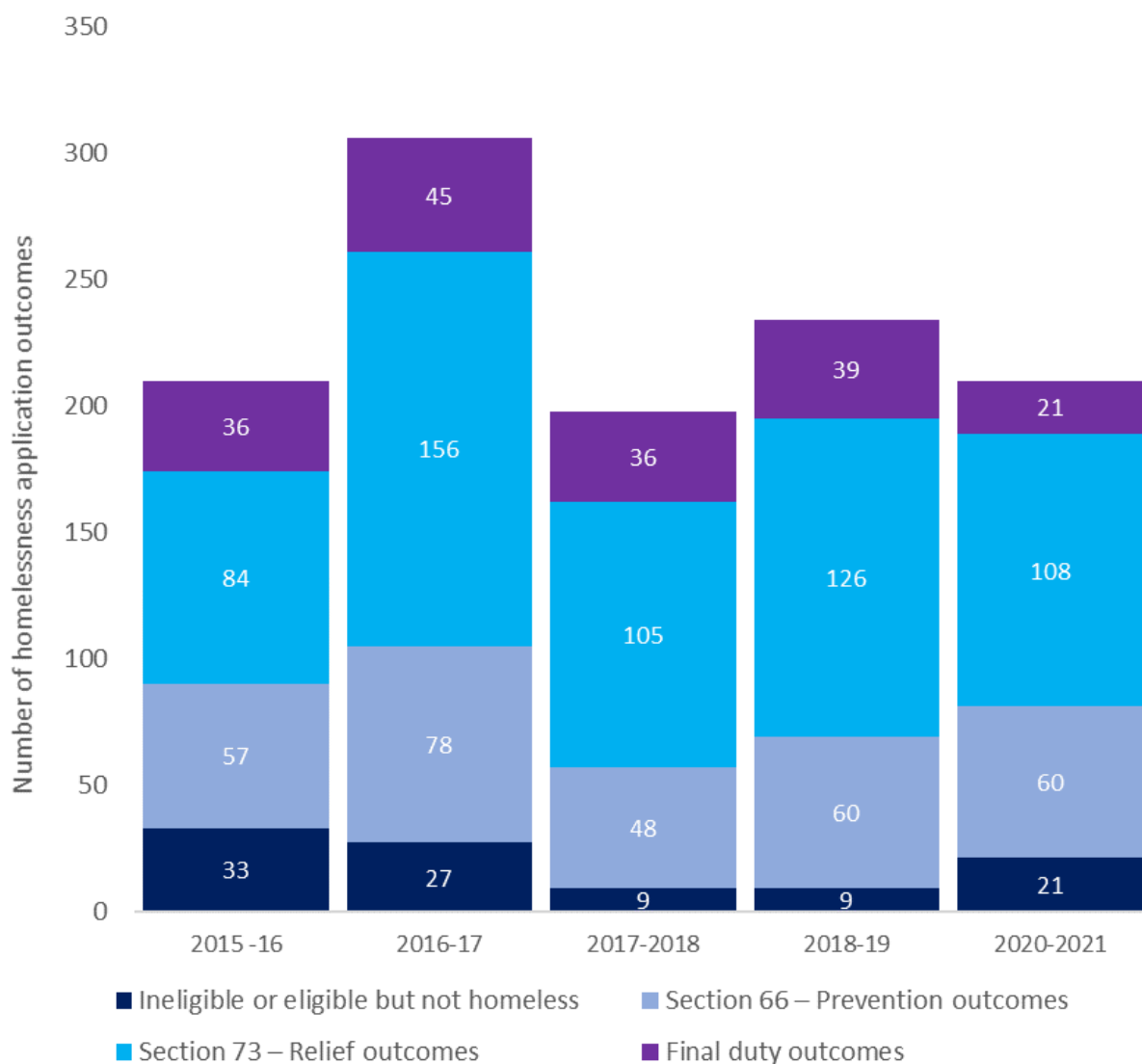
Source: [Stats Wales](https://stats.wales.gov.uk/)

Conwy

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 7 shows youth homelessness trends in Conwy between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of youth homelessness application outcomes remained fairly consistent, with the exception of 2016/17 when there was an anomalous large increase in outcomes. There are few discernible trends for different outcome types (prevention, relief and final duty) across the period.

Figure 7. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Conwy, 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](https://stats.wales.gov.uk/)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 9 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Conwy in 2021. There are 8 secondary schools in Conwy, two of which (**Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan** and **Ysgol John Bright**) have 270 and upwards pupils who are eligible for FSM. Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan has 310 pupils and a high percentage of pupils too (32%). Ysgol John Bright has a lower percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (22%) than many other schools within the local authority, but a higher absolute number (270).

Given the high number of pupils eligible for FSM in **Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan** and **Ysgol John Bright**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Also of note is Ysgol y Gogarth (special school), which has a particularly high percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (49%), despite a relatively low absolute number of pupils (120). Consideration might be given to targeted support in this school.

Table 9. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Conwy, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan	310	970	32%
Ysgol John Bright	270	1,210	22%
Eirias High School	240	1,335	18%
Ysgol Bryn Elan	230	955	24%
Ysgol Aberconwy	215	910	24%
Ysgol y Gogarth (<i>special school</i>)*	120	245	49%
Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy	70	610	11%
Ysgol Y Creuddyn	70	625	11%

*This is a 3-19 residential special school

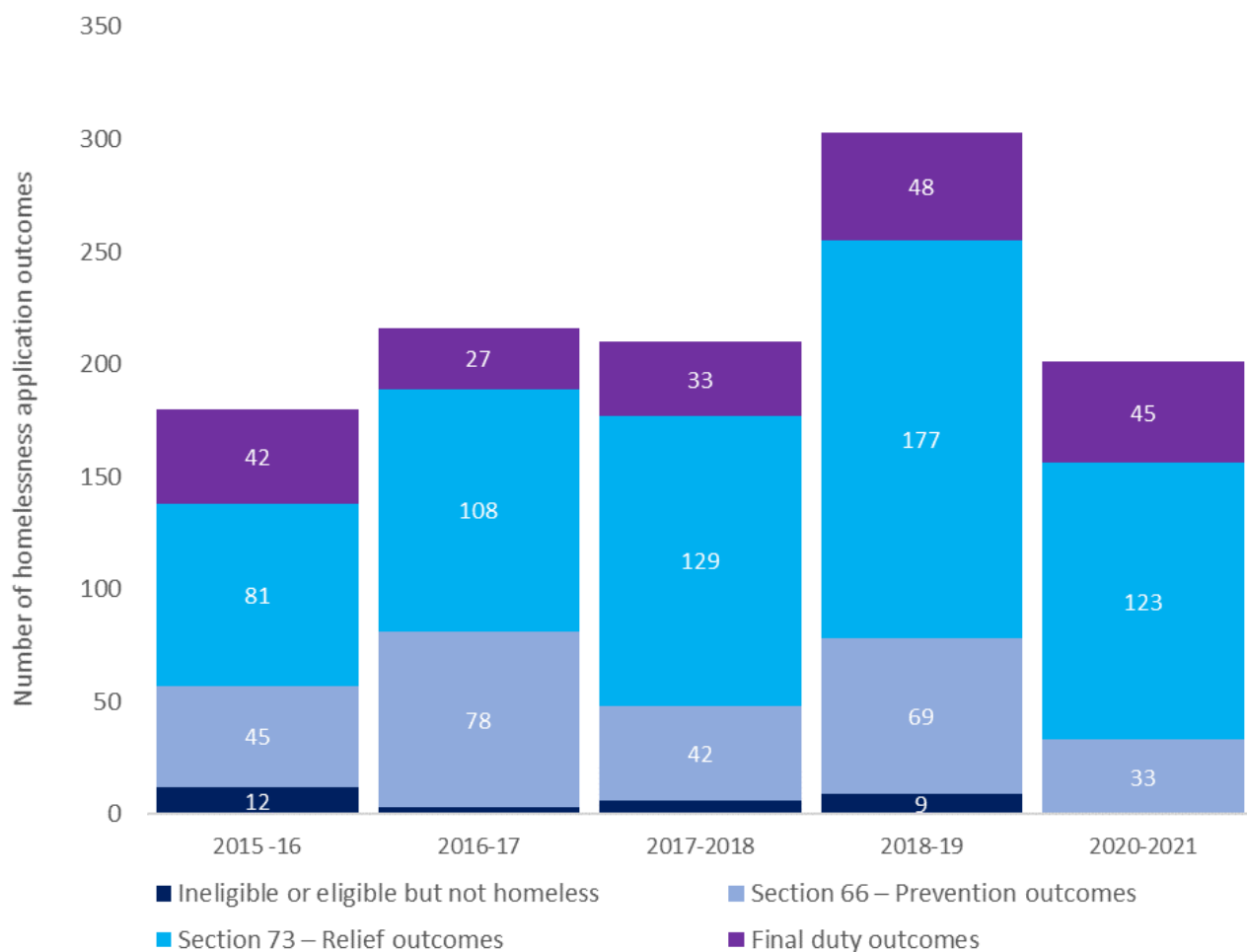
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Denbighshire

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 8 shows youth homelessness trends in Denbighshire between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The number of youth homelessness application outcomes has generally stayed at a similar level over this period, except for 2018/19 when there was a sudden large increase. There are few discernible trends for different outcome types (prevention, relief and final duty) across the period.

Figure 8. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Denbighshire 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 10 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Denbighshire in 2021. There are 10 secondary schools in Denbighshire, three of which (**Rhyl High School**, **Christ the Word Catholic School** and **Prestatyn High School**) have 355 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM. Rhyl High School has a lower percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (33%) than some other schools within the local authority but it has the highest absolute number of pupils (380). Christ the World Catholic School has the second highest percentage (48%) and second highest total number of pupils (375) eligible for FSM. Prestatyn High School has a similarly high number of pupils eligible for FSM (355) but a markedly lower percentage of pupils (25%).

Given the high number and percentage of pupils eligible for FSM in **Rhyl High School** and **Christ the Word Catholic School**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention. It should be noted that Christ the Word Catholic School is an age 3-16 school, therefore FSM figures may be elevated relative to other secondary schools.

Also of note are Ysgol Tir Morfa (special school) and Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn (special school for pupils with ASC), which have particularly high percentages of pupils eligible for FSM (56% and 41% respectively). Whilst they have relatively low absolute numbers of pupils eligible for FSM (75 and 55 respectively), consideration might be given to targeted support in these schools.

Table 10. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Denbighshire, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Rhyl High School	380	1,150	33%
Christ the Word Catholic School*	375	780	48%
Prestatyn High School	355	1,425	25%
Dinas Bran School	170	1,080	16%
Denbigh High School	120	500	24%
Ysgol Uwchradd Glan Clwyd	100	1,035	10%
Ysgol Brynhyfryd	80	1,015	8%
Ysgol Tir Morfa (<i>special school</i>)**	75	135	56%
Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn (<i>special school, pupils with ASC</i>)**	55	135	41%
St Brigid's School**	45	490	9%

*This is a 3-16 school; ** This is a 3-19 school

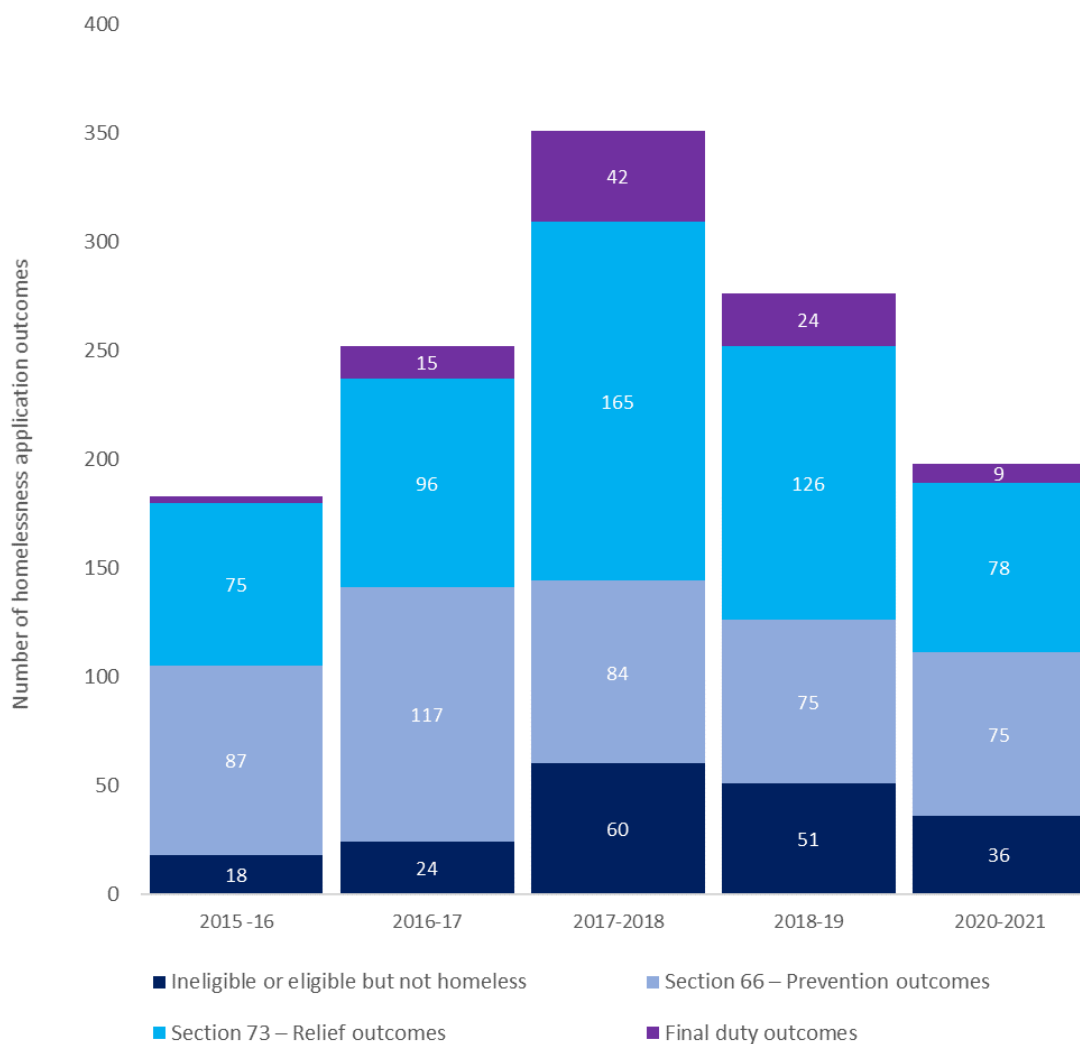
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Flintshire

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 9 shows youth homelessness trends in Flintshire between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of youth homelessness application outcomes increased from 2015-16 to 2017-18, before declining through to 2020-21. This broad bell-shaped trend was echoed across all outcome types (prevention, relief and final duty).

Figure 9. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Flintshire 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 11 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Flintshire in 2021. There are 11 secondary schools in Flintshire, five of which (**Connah's Quay High School, Alun School, Elfed High School, Flint High School and Ysgol Treffynnon**) have 175 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM. Connah's Quay High School has the highest absolute number of pupils eligible for FSM (275) and these constitute a high percentage of pupils (26%) at the school. Alun School has a relatively low percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (13%) but a large absolute number of FSM eligible pupils (205). One school that particularly stands out is St David's High School, as it has the second highest percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (42%), yet due to the low number of pupils in the school the absolute number of pupils eligible for FSM is relatively low (130).

On the basis of FSM data alone, **Connah's Quay High School** and **Alun School** are potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention, however consideration might be given to any of the five schools highlighted below.

Also of note is Ysgol Maes Hyfryd (special high school), which has a particularly high percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (43%), whilst having a relatively low absolute number of pupils (50). Consideration might be given to targeted support in this school.

Table 11. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Flintshire, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Connah's Quay High School	275	1,050	26%
Alun School	205	1,595	13%
Elfed High School	190	900	21%
Flint High School	180	840	21%
Ysgol Treffynnon	175	495	35%
Castell Alun High School	160	1,320	12%
St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School	160	785	20%
Hawarden High School	145	1125	13%
St David's High School	130	310	42%
Argoed High School	95	520	18%
Ysgol Maes Garmon Secondary School	80	555	14%
Ysgol Maes Hyfryd (<i>special high school</i>)	50	115	43%

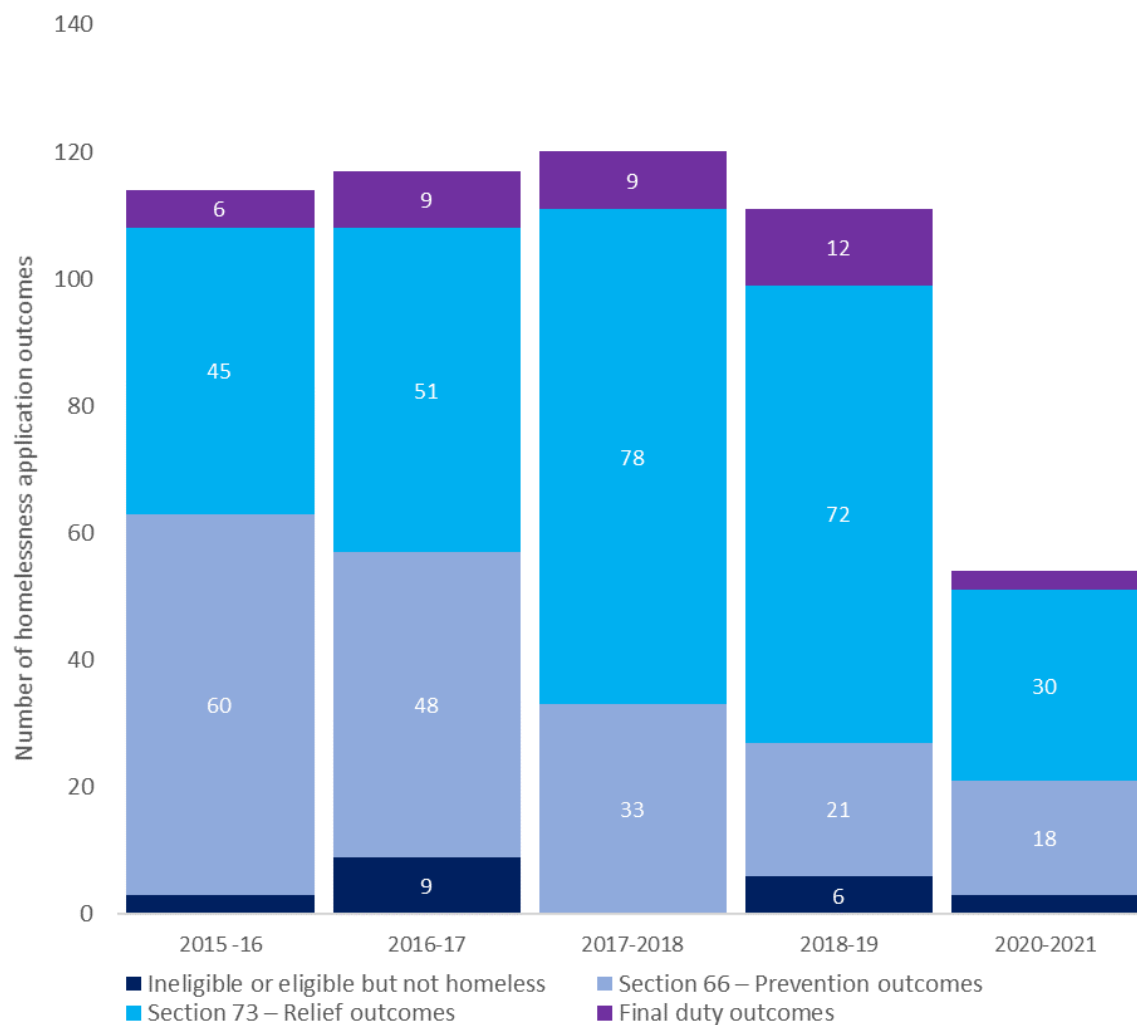
Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Gwynedd

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 10 shows youth homelessness trends in Gwynedd between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of homelessness application outcomes remained relatively constant between 2015/16 and 2018/19, then subsequently halved in 2020/21, potentially due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Focusing on different outcome types, it appears prevention outcomes decreased from 2015/16 to 2020/21, whilst relief outcomes generally increased.

Figure 10. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Gwynedd, 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 12 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Gwynedd in 2021. There are 16 secondary schools in Gwynedd, two of which (**Ysgol Friars** and **Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen**) have 160 pupils and upwards, who are eligible for FSM. Ysgol Friars has a low percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (15%) relative to the national average (17%), yet the highest absolute number within the local authority (200). Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen also has a relatively low percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (18%) but the second highest number of pupils within the local authority (160).

Given the noticeably higher number of pupils eligible for FSM in **Ysgol Friars** and **Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention. Of interest, 11 of the 16 schools in Gwynedd have below or equal to the national average of pupils eligible for FSM (17%), making it the local authority with the lowest amount of pupils across Wales eligible for FSM (excluding special schools).

Also of note are Ysgol Pendalar (special school) and Ysgol Hafod Lon (special school), which have particularly high percentages of pupils eligible for FSM (41% and 35% respectively), whilst having a relatively low absolute number of pupils (45 and 35 respectively). Consideration might be given to targeted support in these schools.

Table 12. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Gwynedd, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Ysgol Friars	200	1,345	15%
Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen	160	905	18%
Ysgol Bro Idris*	90	585	15%
Ysgol Brynrefail	90	780	12%
Ysgol Glan y Mor	90	505	18%
Ysgol Godre'r Berwyn**	75	545	14%
Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle	70	410	17%
Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen Bethesda	70	435	16%
Ysgol Tryfan	70	450	16%
Ysgol Eifionydd	65	375	17%
Ysgol y Moelwyn	65	330	20%
Ysgol Botwnnog	50	445	11%
Ysgol Ardudwy,	45	315	14%
Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn	45	340	13%
Ysgol Pendalar (<i>special school</i>)**	45	110	41%
Ysgol Hafod Lon (<i>special school</i>)**	35	100	35%

*This is a 3-16 school; ** This is a 3-19 school

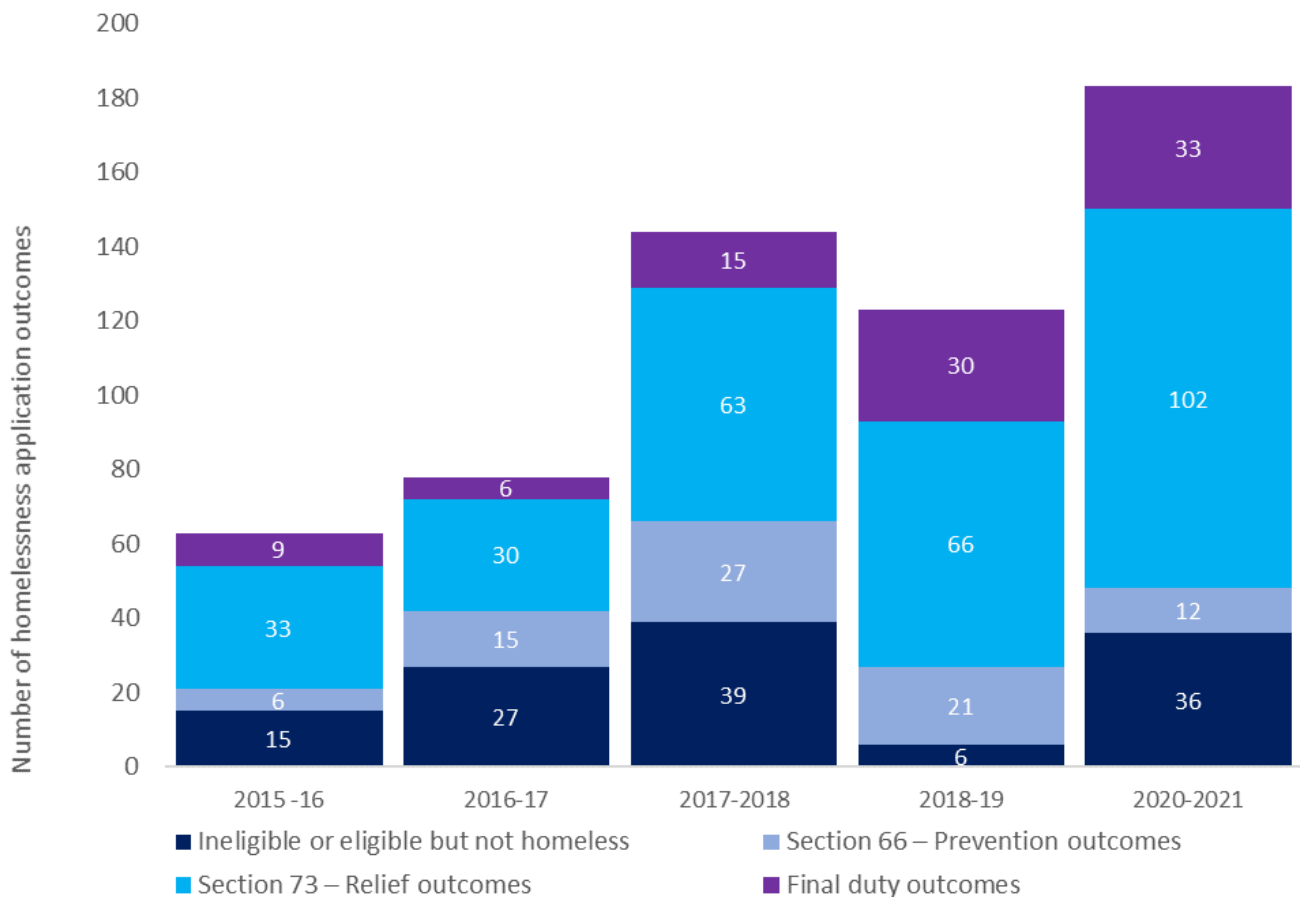
Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Merthyr Tydfil

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 11 shows youth homelessness trends in Merthyr Tydfil between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of homelessness application outcome generally increased across the period. Focusing on different outcome types, prevention outcomes rose from 2015/16 to 2017/18 followed by a decrease in the following years. In contrast, relief outcomes increased across the five years, with relief outcomes in 2020/21 triple the amount in 2015/16.

Figure 11. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Merthyr Tydfil, 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 13 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Merthyr Tydfil in 2021. There are 5 secondary schools in Merthyr Tydfil, three of which (**Pen-y-Dre High School**, **Cyfarthfa High School** and **Afon Taf High School**) have 175 and upward pupils who are eligible for FSM (290, 210 and 175 respectively). Pen-y-Dre High School also has the highest percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (38%).

Given the high number of pupils eligible for FSM in **Pen-y-Dre High School** and **Cyfarthfa High School**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Also of note is Greenfield school (special school), which has a particularly high percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (44%), albeit with a relatively low absolute number of pupils (75). Consideration might be given to targeted support in this school.

Table 13. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Merthyr Tydfil, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Pen-y-Dre High School	290	765	38%
Cyfarthfa High School	210	1,010	21%
Afon Taf High School	175	710	25%
Bishop Hedley RC High School	125	585	21%
Greenfield school (<i>special school</i>)*	75	170	44%

*This is a 3-19 special school

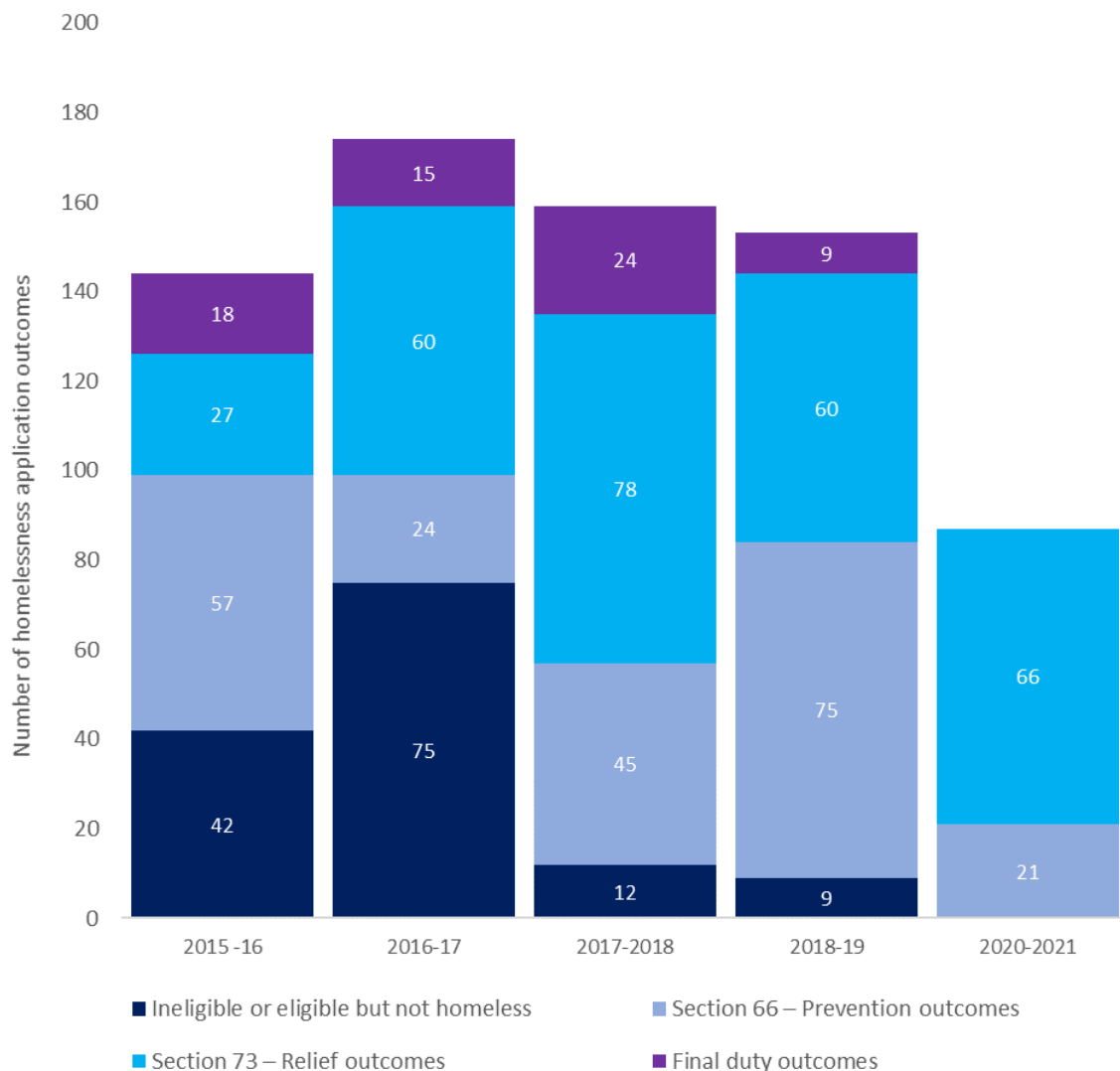
Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Monmouthshire

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 12 shows youth homelessness trends in Monmouthshire between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of homelessness application outcomes remained relatively constant until 2020/21 when the number of applications halved following the pandemic. There are few discernible trends for different outcome types (prevention, relief and final duty), although by 2020/21 prevention cases generally constituted a smaller proportion of all cases than at the start of the period.

Figure 12. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Monmouthshire, 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 14 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Monmouthshire in 2021. There are 4 secondary schools in Monmouthshire, three of which (**Caldicot School**, **King Henry VIII Comprehensive School** and **Monmouth Comprehensive School**) have 180 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM. In both Caldicot and King Henry VIII schools, 17% of pupils are eligible for FSM, which distinguishes these two schools from Monmouth Comprehensive where the percentage of pupils eligible for FSM is 11%.

Given the high number and relatively high percentage of pupils eligible for FSM in **Caldicot School** and **King Henry VIII Comprehensive School**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Table 14. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Monmouthshire, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Caldicot School	235	1,365	17%
King Henry VIII Comprehensive School	180	1,045	17%
Monmouth Comprehensive School	180	1,700	11%
Chepstow School	95	770	12%

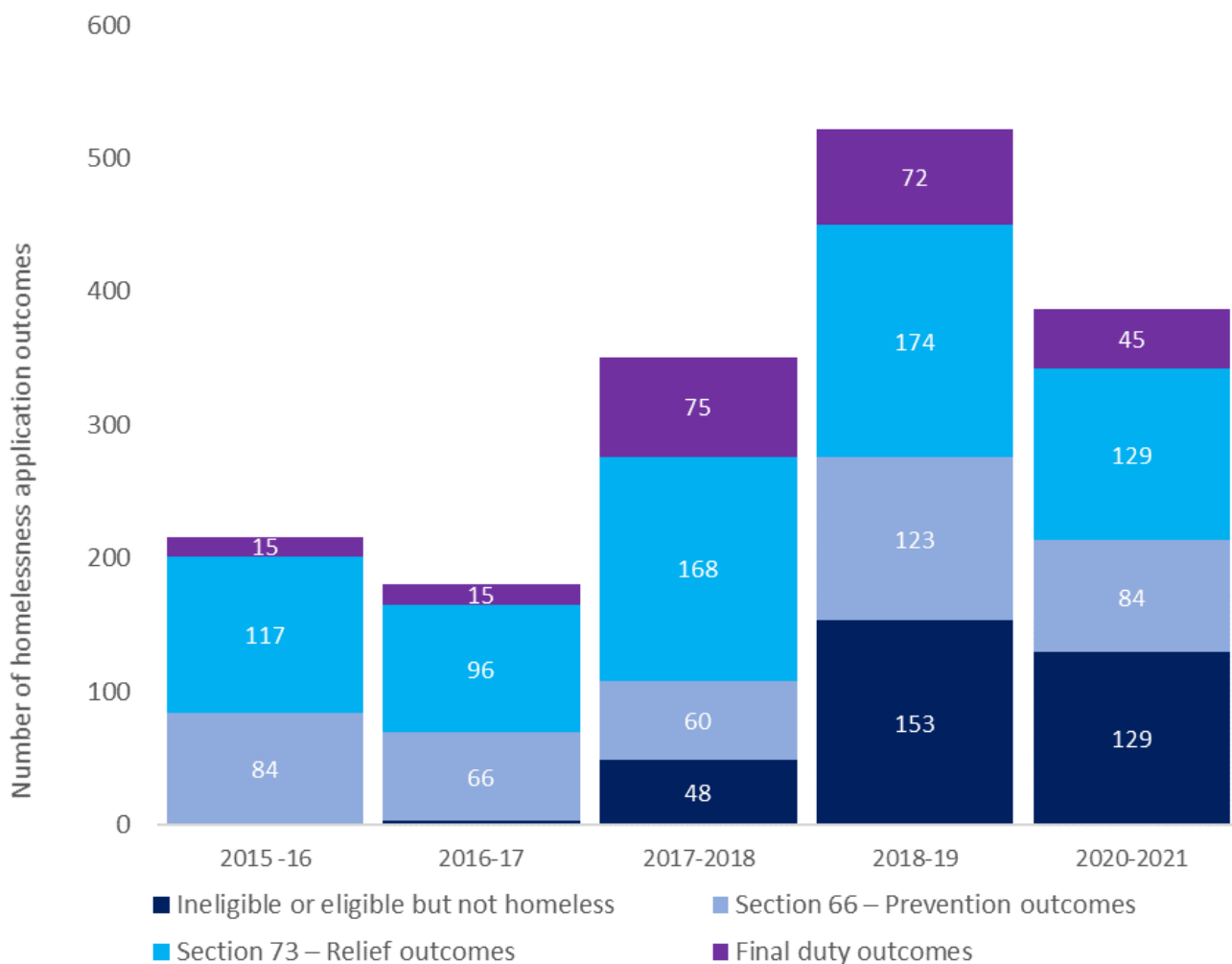
Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Neath Port Talbot

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 13 shows youth homelessness trends in Neath Port Talbot between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of homelessness application outcomes generally increased to 2018/19, then subsequently decreased in 2020/21. There are few discernible trends for different outcome types (prevention, relief and final duty); all outcome types appear to follow the same general trend.

Figure 13. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Neath Port Talbot, 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 15 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Neath Port Talbot in 2021. There are 10 secondary schools in Neath Port Talbot, three of which (**Ysgol Bae Baglan**, **Ysgol Cŵm Brombil** and **St Joseph's RC School and 6th Form Centre**) have 270 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM and in all three schools these pupils constitute 30% or more of enrolled pupils. Ysgol Bae Baglan has by far the highest absolute number of pupils eligible for FSM (510) as well as the highest percentage of pupils (33%), excluding those in 'special schools'. Ysgol Cŵm Brombil also has a very high number of pupils eligible for FSM (415). St Joseph's RC School and 6th Form Centre has a high number of pupils eligible for FSM (270).

It should be noted that Ysgol Bae Baglan, Ysgol Cŵm Brombil and Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur are all age 3-16/3-18 schools, hence FSM figures may be higher than other secondary schools.

Given the very high number of pupils eligible for FSM in **Ysgol Bae Baglan** and **Ysgol Cŵm Brombil**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Also of note are Ysgol Hendrefelin (special high school) and Ysgol Maes y Coed (special school), which have particularly high percentages of pupils eligible for FSM (53% and 50% respectively), whilst having a relatively low absolute number of pupils (85 and 55 respectively). Consideration might be given to targeted support in these schools.

Table 15. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Neath Port Talbot, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Ysgol Bae Baglan*	510	1,530	33%
Ysgol Cwm Brombil*	415	1,350	31%
St Joseph's RC School and 6th Form Centre	270	895	30%
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur**	255	1,490	17%
Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School	245	800	31%
Llangatwg Community School	230	775	30%
Cwmtawe Community School	225	1,185	19%
Dwr y Felin Comprehensive School	205	1,105	19%
Ysgol Hendrefelin (<i>special high school</i>)	85	160	53%
Ysgol Maes y Coed (<i>special school</i>)***	55	110	50%

*This is a 3-16 school; **This is a 3-18 school; ***This is a 2-19 special school

Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: linked schools and homelessness applications data

Table 16 shows the number of pupils from each school in Neath Port Talbot who made a homelessness application to the local authority between September 2015 and August 2020. This data provides a more reliable indicator of potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention than FSM data because it focuses on homelessness experiences, rather than using poverty/FSM as a proxy for risk of youth homelessness.

Three schools each have at least 80 pupils who made a homelessness application between September 2015 and August 2020 (**Ysgol Bae Baglan**, **Ysgol Cŵm Brombil**, and **Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School**). Whilst the total number of pupils who made a homelessness application across the 5 years is higher in these schools, year-on-year there is some variation in the number of applications made by pupils from each school.

The schools identified in Table 16 are partly consistent with those identified by FSM data (Table 15) – there are several exceptions. First, Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School is amongst the potential priority schools highlighted in Table 16, whereas it was not prioritised according to FSM data (Table 15). Second, within the FSM data St Joseph's RC School and 6th Form Centre appears as 3rd highest within the local authority, whereas the linked data finds the school is prioritised as 6th.

What is clear is that the school emerging as a clear priority for Upstream Cymru intervention is **Ysgol Bae Baglan**. Homelessness applications across the 5-year period from young people who attended the school are double the number of applications from any other school.

Table 16. Schools attended by young people aged 16-25 who made a homelessness application to the local authority, by year of application (September 2015 - August 2020)

School	Sep 15- Aug 16	Sep 16- Aug 17	Sep 17- Aug 18	Sep 18 – Aug 19	Sep 19 – Aug 20	Total Applications Sep 15- Aug 20	Total Pupils in school 2021
Ysgol Bae Baglan*	51	48	51	42	26	218	1530
Ysgol Cwm Brombil*	24	24	16	16	7	87	1350
Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School	13	18	19	11	20	81	800
Dwr y Felin Comprehensive School	13	21	15	12	12	73	1,105
Cwmtawe Community School	13	17	14	11	13	68	1,185
St Joseph's RC School and 6th Form Centre	11	11	12	9	13	56	895
Llangatwg Community School	9	8	13	14	11	55	775
Ysgol Hendrefelin (<i>special school</i>)	-	10	8	-	-	30	160
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur**	-	-	7	-	7	21	1,490

*This is a 3-16 school; **This is a 3-18 school

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N.B.: Ysgol Maes y Coed data not available so not included

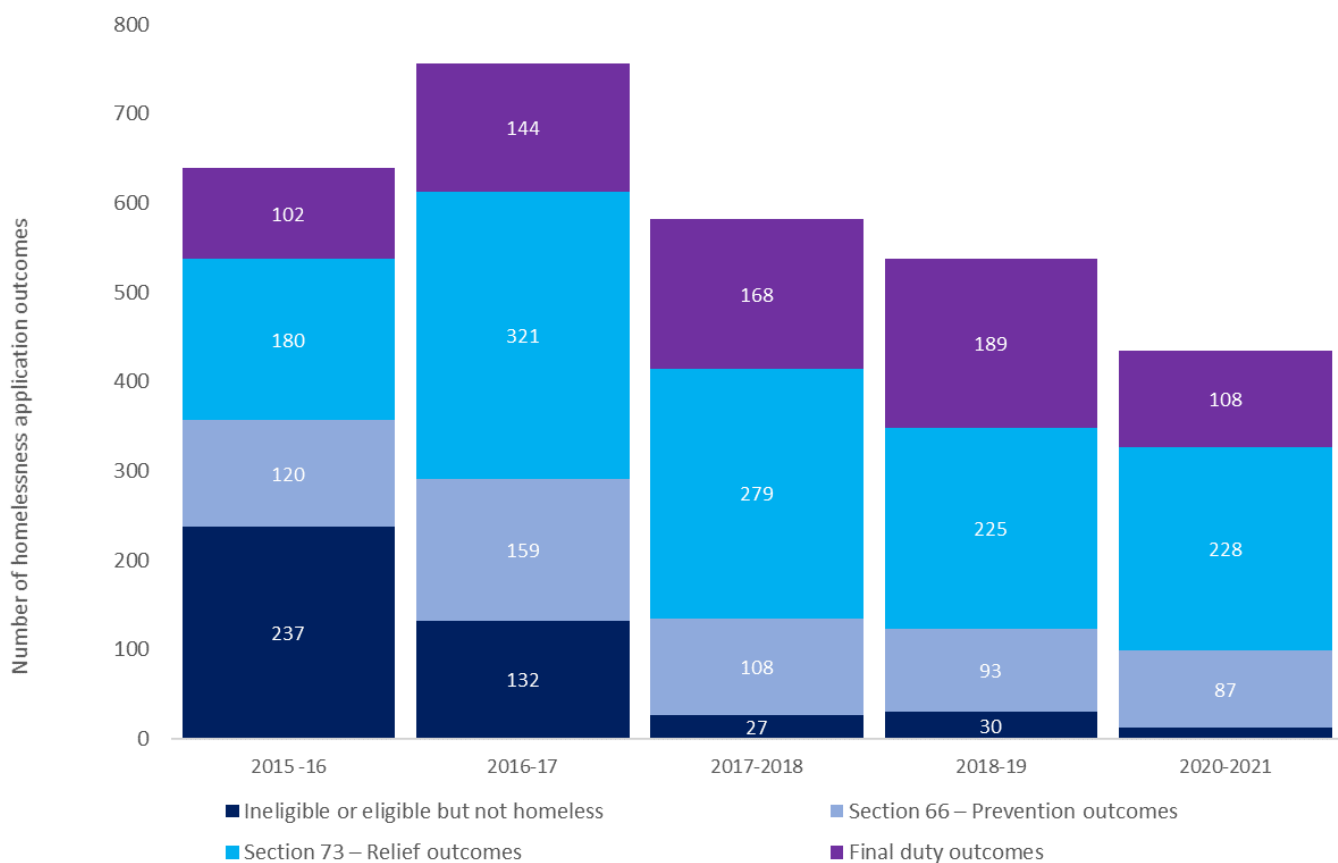
Source: Neath Port Talbot local authority

Newport

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 14 shows youth homelessness trends in Newport between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of homelessness application outcomes generally decreased over the period. Focusing on different outcome types, both prevention and relief outcomes have followed the general trend by decreasing across the period, albeit in 2020/21 the number of relief outcomes increased slightly.

Figure 14. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Newport, 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 17 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Newport in 2021. There are 12 secondary schools in Newport, four of which (**Llanwern High School, The John Frost School, Lliswerry High School** and **St Julian's School**) have 375 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM. Llanwern High School not only has the highest absolute number of pupils eligible for FSM (420), it also the highest percentage of pupils too (45%). The John Frost School has the second highest number of pupils eligible for FSM (410) but a lower percentage of pupils (31%) than some other schools. Also of note are Lliswerry High School and St Julian's School which both have a large number of pupils eligible for FSM (385 and 375 respectively).

Given the high number of pupils eligible for FSM in **Llanwern High School** and **The John Frost School**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Also of note are Maes Ebbw (special school) and Ysgol Bryn Derw (special school), which have particularly high percentages of pupils eligible for FSM (42% and 43% respectively), whilst having a relatively low absolute number of pupils (65 and 30 respectively). Consideration might be given to targeted support in these schools.

Table 17. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Newport, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Llanwern High School	420	940	45%
The John Frost School	410	1,305	31%
Lliswerry High School	385	985	39%
St Julian's School	375	1,440	26%
Newport High School	330	1,125	29%
St Joseph's RC High School	240	1,465	16%
Bassaleg School	150	1,755	9%
Caerleon Comprehensive School	150	1505	10%
Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed	95	450	21%
Maes Ebbw (<i>special school</i>)*	65	155	42%
Ysgol Bryn Derw (<i>special school</i>)*	30	70	43%

*This is a 3-19 special school

N.B.: No FSM data available for Bridge Achievement Centre (PRU), therefore not included in table

Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: linked schools and homelessness applications data

Table 18 shows the number of pupils from each school in Newport who made a homelessness application to the local authority between September 2015 and August 2019. This data provides a more reliable indicator of potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention than FSM data because it focuses on homelessness experiences, rather than using poverty/FSM as a proxy for risk of youth homelessness.

Four schools each have at least 77 pupils who made a homelessness application between September 2015 and August 2019 (**The John Frost School, Lliswerry High School, Newport High School and Bassaleg School**). Whilst there is some year-on-year variation in the schools attended by young people making homelessness applications in Newport, across the period these four schools, and to a lesser extent **St Julian's School**, appear to have the highest number of applications. Any of these schools would be a potential priority school for Upstream Cymru intervention.

The schools identified in Table 18 are not in line with those identified by FSM data in Table 17, with several differences. The top school in Table 17 is Llanwern High School, whereas in Table 18 it is not identified as a priority. Also, in Table 18 Newport High School and Bassaleg School are identified amongst the four priority schools, whereas in relation to FSM data (Table 17) they are not considered priority schools.

The school emerging as a clear priority for Upstream Cymru intervention is **The John Frost School**. Homelessness applications across the 4-year period from young people who attended the school are more than 50% higher than the number of applications from any other school.

Table 18. Schools attended by young people aged 16-25 who made a homelessness application to the local authority, by year of application (September 2015 - August 2019)

School	Sep 15- Aug 16	Sep 16- Aug 17	Sep 17- Aug 18	Sep 18 – Aug 19	Total Applications Sep 15- Aug 19	Total Pupils in school 2021
The John Frost School	44	38	28	36	146	1,305
Lliswerry High School	47	15	22	10	94	985
Newport High School	47	17	8	13	85	1125
Bassaleg School	18	22	12	25	77	1755
St Julian's School	43	-	-	14	73	1,440
Llanwern High School	20	18	8	11	57	940
Bridge Achievement Centre (PRU)	14	12	15	13	54	100
St Joseph's RC High School	29	-	-	10	47	1,465
Caerleon Comprehensive School	10	11	15	7	43	1,505
Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed	0	0	0	0	0	450

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N.B.: Ysgol Maes y Coed and Ysgol Bryn Derw data not available so not included; Bridge Achievement Centre (PRU) total pupils from ESTYN data 2018

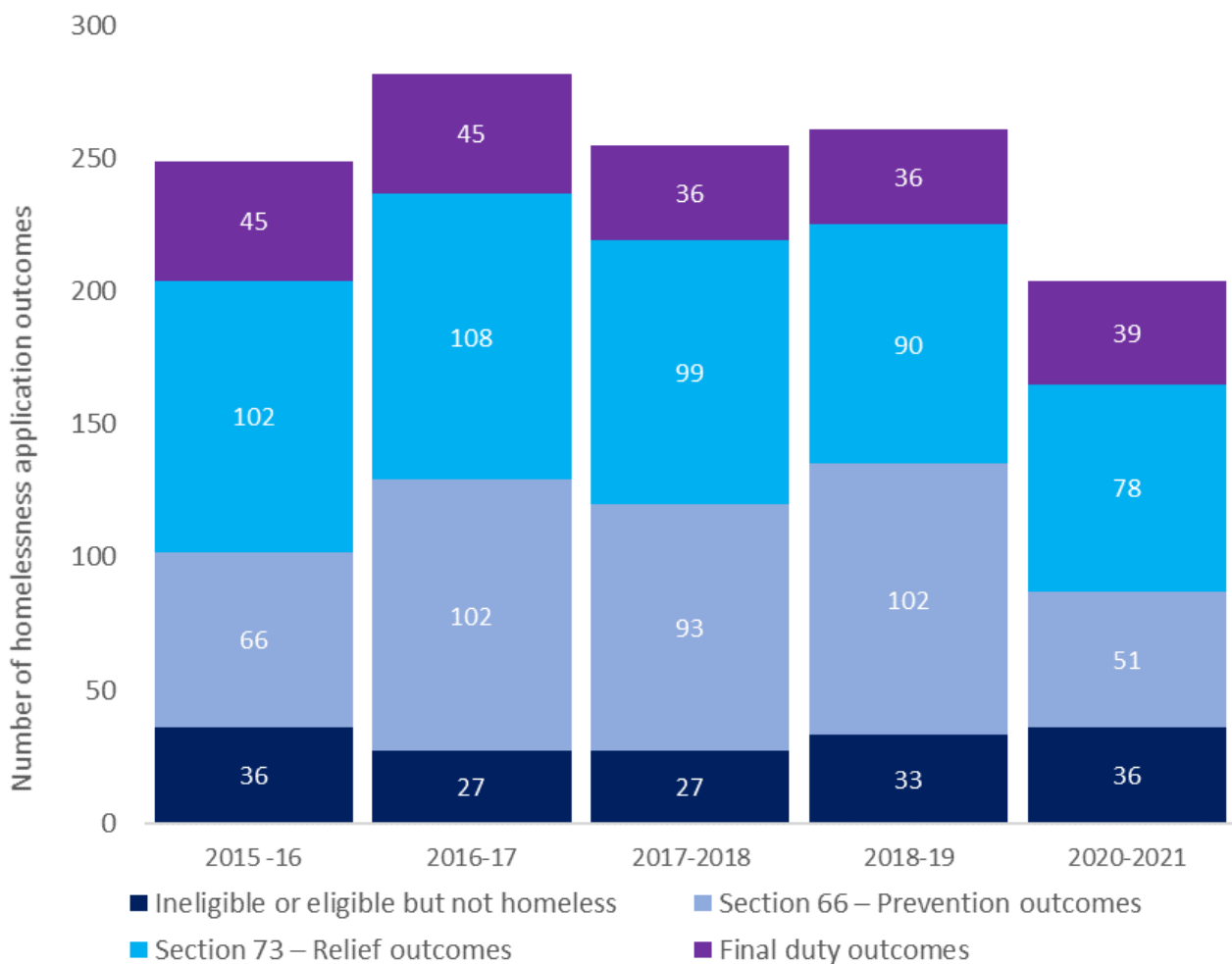
Source: Newport local authority

Pembrokeshire

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 15 shows youth homelessness trends in Pembrokeshire between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of homelessness application outcomes were fairly consistent over the five-year period, although there was a decrease 2020/21 following the COVID 19 pandemic. Examining trends in different outcome types, there are no notable differences, with the exception of 2020/21 when the number of prevention outcomes reduced by half.

Figure 15. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Pembrokeshire, 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](https://stats.wales.gov.uk/)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 19 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Pembrokeshire in 2021. There are 9 secondary schools in Pembrokeshire, three of which (**Henry Tudor School**, **Haverfordwest High VC School** and **Milford Haven School**) have 295 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM. Henry Tudor School has the highest absolute number of pupils eligible for FSM in Pembrokeshire (345), although not the highest percentage of FSM pupils (28%) in the local authority. Haverfordwest High VC School and Milford Haven School have relatively similar absolute numbers of pupils eligible for FSM (305 and 295 respectively).

Given the high number of pupils eligible for FSM in **Henry Tudor School**, **Haverfordwest High VC School** and **Milford Haven School**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Also of note is Portfield School (special school) which has a particularly high percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (38%), albeit with a relatively low absolute number of pupils (60). Consideration might be given to targeted support in this school.

Table 19. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Pembrokeshire, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Henry Tudor School	345	1,250	28%
Haverfordwest High VC School	305	1,575	19%
Milford Haven School	295	1,020	29%
Ysgol Greenhill School	105	845	12%
Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi*	95	615	15%
Fishguard High School/Ysgol Bro Gwaun	90	520	17%
Ysgol Caer Elen*	60	640	9%
Portfield School (<i>special school</i>)**	60	160	38%
Ysgol y Preseli	45	795	6%

*This is a 3-16 school; **This is a 3-19 special school

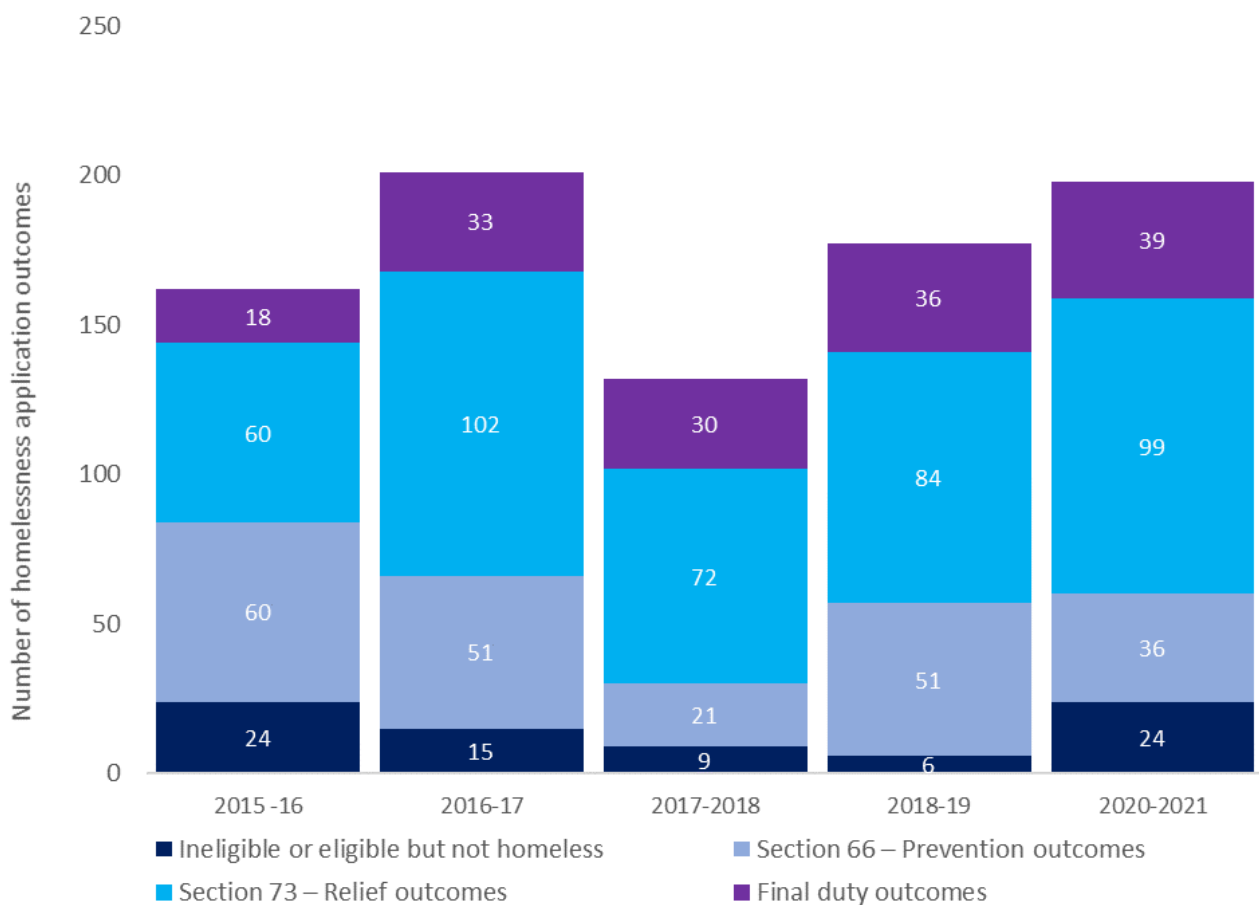
Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Powys

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 16 shows youth homelessness trends in Powys between 2015/16 and 2020/21. Whilst there was considerable fluctuation in the initial 2-3 years, the total number of homelessness application outcomes generally increased across the period. Examining trends in different outcome types, particularly during the most recent period, all outcome categories have seen increases, with the exception of a decrease in prevention outcomes in 2020/21.

Figure 16. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Powys, 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](https://stats.wales.gov.uk/)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 20 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Powys in 2021. There are 14 secondary schools in Powys, three of which (**Newtown High School, Ysgol Calon Cymru, and Ysgol Maesydderwen**) have 125 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM. Newtown High School has the highest absolute number of pupils eligible for FSM in Powys (190), although a lower percentage of FSM pupils (19%) compared to some other schools within the local authority. Ysgol Calon Cymru also has a high number of pupils eligible for FSM (170) and an even lower percentage (17%). In contrast, Ysgol Maesydderwen has a higher percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (24%) but a lower absolute number (125). Also of note are Llanfyllin High School and Welshpool High School, which have fairly high numbers of pupils eligible for FSM (both at 115), but their percentage is only 14%, which is well below the national average (17%).

Given the notably higher number of pupils eligible for FSM in **Newtown High School** and **Ysgol Calon Cymru**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Also of note are Ysgol Cedewain (special school), Ysgol Penmaes (special school) and Brynlllywarch Hall School (BESD school), which have particularly high percentages of pupils eligible for FSM (43%, 45% and 60% respectively), whilst having a relatively low absolute number of pupils (50, 50 and 30 respectively). Consideration might be given to targeted support in these schools.

Table 20. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Powys, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Newtown High School	190	1,025	19%
Ysgol Calon Cymru	170	990	17%
Ysgol Maesydderwen	125	525	24%
Llanfyllin High School *	115	810	14%
Welshpool High School	115	845	14%
Ysgol Bro Hyddgen**	95	480	20%
Llanidloes High School	80	645	12%
Brecon High School	70	520	13%
Crickhowell High School	70	930	8%
Ysgol Uwchradd Caereinion High School	50	460	11%
Ysgol Cedewain (<i>special school</i>)****	50	115	43%
Ysgol Penmaes (<i>special school</i>)****	50	110	45%
Gwernyfed High School	45	460	10%
Brynlllywarch Hall School (<i>BESD school</i>)***	30	50	60%

*This is a 3-18 school; **This is a 4-19 school; ***This is a 8-19 Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties School; ****This is a 3-19 special school

Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: linked schools and homelessness applications data

Table 21 shows the number of pupils from each school in Powys who made a homelessness application to the local authority between September 2015 and August 2020. This data provides a more reliable indicator of potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention than FSM data because it focuses on homelessness experiences, rather than using poverty/FSM as a proxy for risk of youth homelessness.

Five schools each have at least 51 pupils who made a homelessness application between September 2015 and August 2021 (**Newtown High School, Brecon High School, Ysgol Calon Cymru - Llandrindod Wells, Welshpool High School, and Llanidloes High School**). The number of young people making an application appears to be consistently higher in these schools relative to other schools in the local authority. Any of these five schools would be a potential priority school for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Comparing the findings in Tables 20 and 21 there are some important commonalities. It appears that Newtown High School has both the highest number of pupils eligible for FSM and the highest number of homelessness applications made between 2015/16-2020/21. Ysgol Calon Cymru also has a high number of FSM eligible pupils and a high number of homelessness applications. Importantly, the FSM data does not show that there are two campuses at this school, whereas the linked data shows both. It appears that the Llandrindod Wells Campus would be most suited to Upstream Cymru intervention due to the higher number of homelessness applications from pupils attending this school.

There are some notable differences between Tables 20 and 21. Brecon and Llanidloes High Schools are both identified as potential priorities according to high levels of homelessness applications from people who attended these schools, whereas the schools were not identified as priorities according to FSM data. Conversely, Ysgol Maesydderwen was identified as a priority according to FSM data, yet homelessness application data suggests relatively few young people making an application attended this school.

The school emerging as a clear priority for Upstream Cymru intervention is **Newtown High School**. Homelessness applications across the 6-year period from young people who attended the school are generally higher the number of applications from any other school. Intervention in any of the following four schools would also be likely to have a significant positive impact; **Brecon High School, Ysgol Calon Cymru - Llandrindod Wells, Welshpool High School, and Llanidloes High School**.

Also of particular note are Brynllwarch Hall School (*BESD school*), Pathway Portfolio Education Centre (PRU), and Canolfan Addysg Cychwen Newydd/Brecon (PRU), because the number of homelessness applications over the past 6 made by people who attended these schools (33, 31 and 28 respectively) is very high as a proportion of all pupils enrolled in the school. Consideration should be given to targeted support in these schools.

Powys also provided data showing that in the period 272 16-25 year olds who made a homelessness application did not attend a Powys school. Powys local authority also confirmed

that 28 homelessness applications were made by people who had studied through Elective Home Education.

Table 21. Schools attended by young people aged 16-25 who made a homelessness application to the local authority, by year of application (September 2015 - August 2020)

School	Sep 15- Aug 16	Sep 16- Aug 17	Sep 17- Aug 18	Sep 18 – Aug 19	Sep 19 – Aug 20	Sep 20– Aug 21	Total Applications Sep 15- Aug 21	Total Pupils in school 2021
Newtown High School	22	10	16	13	16	16	93	1,025
Brecon High School	5	7	10	9	15	16	62	520
Ysgol Calon Cymru (Llandrindod Wells Campus)	7	9	9	10	13	13	61	550
Welshpool High School	8	9	12	13	10	9	61	845
Llanidloes High School	9	10	5	5	13	9	51	645
Ysgol Uwchradd Caereinion High School	8	7	-	8	7	-	35	460
Brynllwarch Hall School (<i>BESD school</i>)**	7	-	-	7	-	6	33	50
Ysgol Calon Cymru (Builth Wells Campus)	-	-	9	8	-	-	32	471
Pathway Portfolio Education Centre (PRU)	7	-	6	-	6	-	31	13
Llanfyllin High School	-	6	-	-	6	9	28	810
Canolfan Addysg Cychwen Newydd/Brecon (PRU)	-	-	6	8	-	-	28	14
Ysgol Maesydderwen	-	-	-	-	7	14	26	525
Ysgol Bro Hyddgen*	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	480
Gwernyfed High School	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	460
Crickhowell High School	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	930
Ysgol Penmaes (<i>special school</i>)***	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110
Ysgol Cedewain (<i>special school</i>)***	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	115

*This is a 4-19 school; **This is a 8-19 Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties School; ***This is a 3-19 special school

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N.B.: Pathway Portfolio Education Centre (PRU) total number of pupils from schools themselves from 2021/22;

Canolfan Addysg Cychwen Newydd/Brecon (PRU) total number of pupils from schools themselves from 2021/22

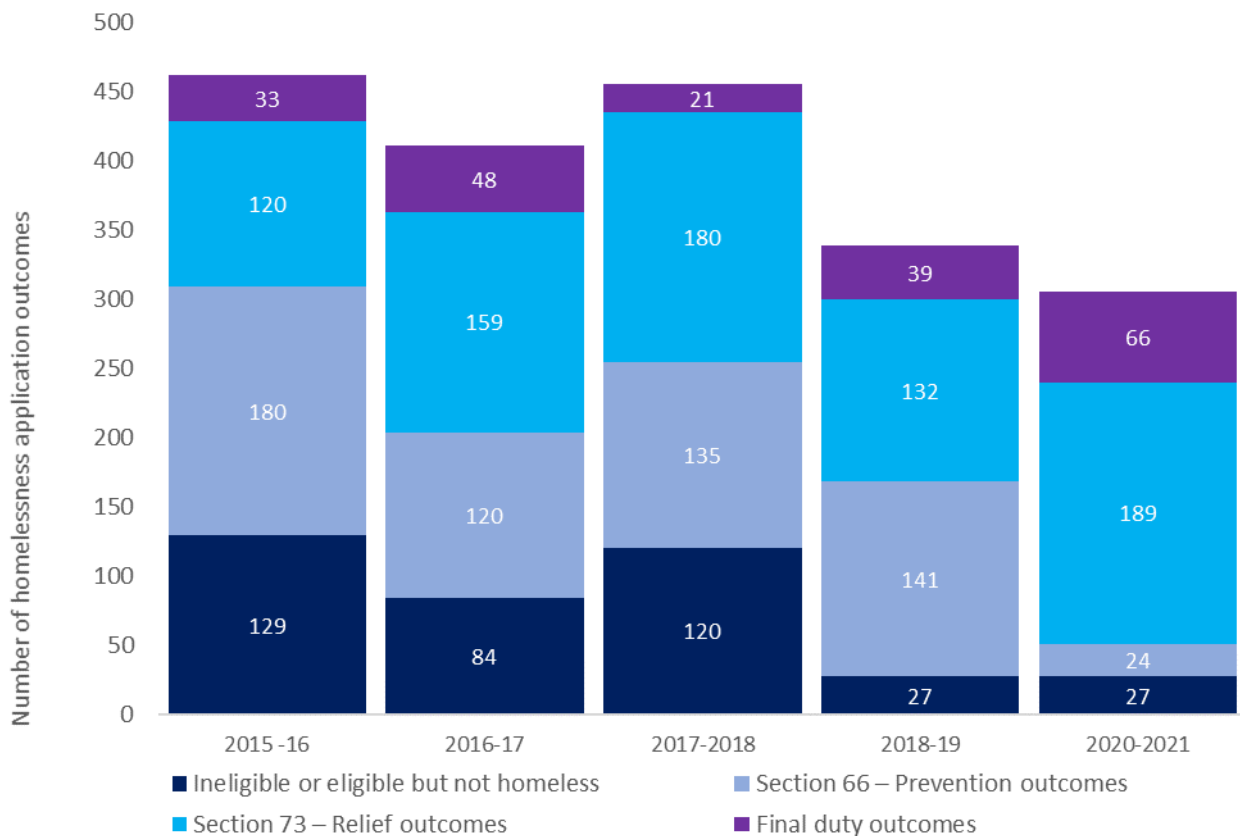
Source: Powys local authority

Rhondda Cynon Taf

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 17 shows youth homelessness trends in Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT) between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of homelessness application outcomes generally decreased over this period. Examining trends across outcome types, there is year-on-year fluctuation; total prevention outcomes were higher than relief outcomes in some years, and the reverse in other years. Perhaps most notably, during the pandemic in 2020-21 the number of homelessness prevention outcomes dropped significantly.

Figure 17. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Rhondda Cynon Taf 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 22 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in RCT in 2021. There are 21 secondary schools in RCT, five of which (**Aberdare Community School, Ysgol Nantgwyn, Tonyrefail Community School, Treorchy Comprehensive School, and Mountain Ash Comprehensive School**) have 350 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM. RCT has many other schools that have large numbers of pupils eligible for FSM but these five have a considerably higher number of FSM eligible pupils. Aberdare Community school has 425 pupils eligible for FSM, it also has a relatively high percentage (32%). Ysgol Nantgwyn, Tonyrefail Community School, and Treorchy Comprehensive School also have the same number of pupils eligible for FSM (415), although the percentage of pupils eligible for FSM in each school is different (38%, 26% and 26% respectively). Mountain Ash Comprehensive school has a high absolute number of pupils eligible for FSM (350) as well as a high percentage (34%). It should be noted that Ysgol Nantgwyn is a 3-16 school and Tonyrefail Community School is a 3-19 school, so these FSM figures may be slightly elevated relative to other schools.

Given the high number and percentage of pupils eligible for FSM in **Aberdare Community School** and **Ysgol Nantgwyn**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Also of note are Ysgol Hen Felin (special school), Maesgwyn Special School (special school), Ysgol Ty Coch (special school) and Park Lane School (special school), which have particularly high percentages of pupils eligible for FSM (57%, 67%, 39% and 47% respectively), whilst having a relatively low absolute number of pupils (105, 80, 70 and 45 respectively). Consideration might be given to targeted support in these schools.

Table 22. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Rhonda Cynon Taf, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Aberdare Community School	425	1,310	32%
Ysgol Nantgwyn*	415	1,095	38%
Tonyrefail Community School**	415	1590	26%
Treorchy Comprehensive School	415	1,595	26%
Mountain Ash Comprehensive School	350	1,020	34%
Porth Community School*	260	905	29%
Pontypridd High School	245	860	28%
Hawthorn High School	240	710	34%
Ferndale Community School	230	605	38%
Bryncelynnog Comprehensive School	200	1,270	16%
Cardinal Newman RC Comprehensive School	170	965	18%
Y Pant Comprehensive School	155	1,445	11%
Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun	140	1,080	13%
Ysgol Gyfun Cymer Rhondda	135	745	18%
St John Baptist CIW High School	125	980	13%
Ysgol Garth Olwg***	120	1,215	10%
Ysgol Hen Felin (<i>special school</i>)**	105	185	57%
Maesgwyn Special School (<i>special school</i>)****	80	120	67%
Ysgol Ty Coch (<i>special school</i>)**	70	180	39%
Ysgol Llanhari***	50	700	7%
Park Lane School (<i>special school</i>)**	45	95	47%

*This is a 3-16 school; **This is a 3-19 school; ***This is a 3-18 school; ****This is a 5-19 special school

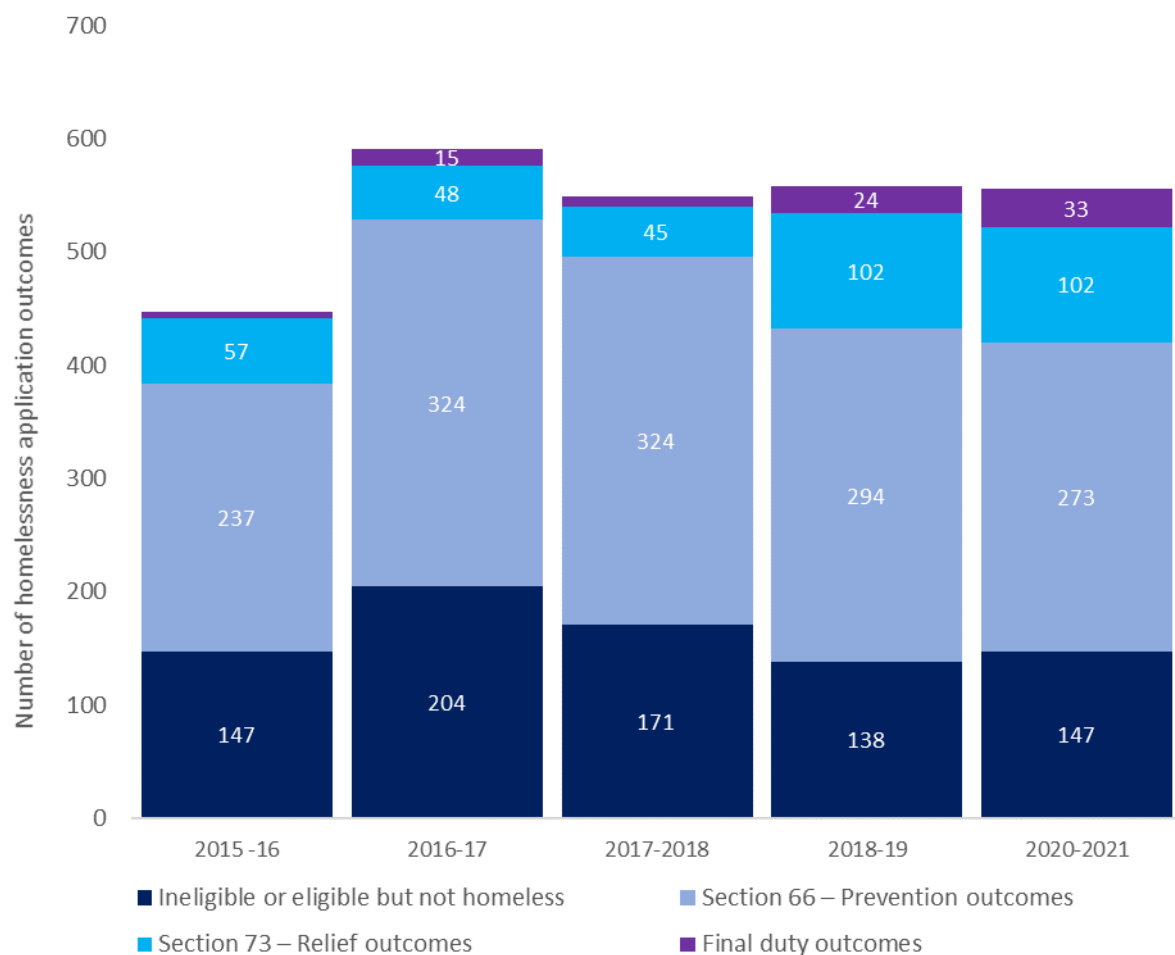
Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Swansea

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 18 shows youth homelessness trends in Swansea between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of homelessness application outcomes remained constant over this period. Examining trends across outcome types, it seems there was an increase in relief outcomes and a slight decrease in prevention outcomes, albeit prevention outcomes constitute by far the greatest proportion of all outcomes – a trend that is unusual in comparison to other local authorities.

Figure 18. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Swansea 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 23 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Swansea in 2021. There are 16 secondary schools in Swansea, five of which (**Pentrehafod School, Bishop Gore Comprehensive School, Dylan Thomas Community School, Bishop Vaughan Catholic Comprehensive School and Cefn Hengoed Community School**) have 320 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM. Pentrehafod School has the second largest percentage of pupil's eligible for FSM (44%) but the highest absolute number of pupils eligible for FSM (455). Bishop Gore has a lower percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (31%) than some others within this local authority but the second highest absolute number of pupils eligible for FSM (375).

Given the high number of pupils eligible for FSM in **Pentrehafod School** and **Bishop Gore Comprehensive School**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention. Intervention in any of the following three schools would also be likely to have a significant positive impact; **Dylan Thomas Community School, Bishop Vaughan Catholic Comprehensive School** and **Cefn Hengoed Community School**.

Also of note are Ysgol Pen Y Bryn (special school) and Ysgol Crug Glas (special school), which have particularly high percentages of pupils eligible for FSM (43% and 36% respectively), whilst having a relatively low absolute number of pupils (65 and 20 respectively). Consideration might be given to targeted support in these schools.

Table 23. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Swansea, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Pentrehafod School	455	1,040	44%
Bishop Gore Comprehensive School	375	1,220	31%
Dylan Thomas Community School	345	570	61%
Bishop Vaughan Catholic Comprehensive School	330	1,135	29%
Cefn Hengoed Community School	320	850	38%
Morrison Comprehensive School	290	1000	29%
Gowerton School	270	1195	23%
Penyrheol Comprehensive School	240	870	28%
Olchfa School	220	1820	12%
Birchgrove Comprehensive School	175	495	35%
Pontarddulais Comprehensive School	170	845	20%
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bryn Tawe	150	875	17%
Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr	110	1,105	10%
Bishopston Comprehensive School	100	1,095	9%
Ysgol Pen Y Bryn (<i>special school</i>)*	65	150	43%
Ysgol Crug Glas (<i>special school</i>)*	20	55	36%

*This is a 3-19 special school

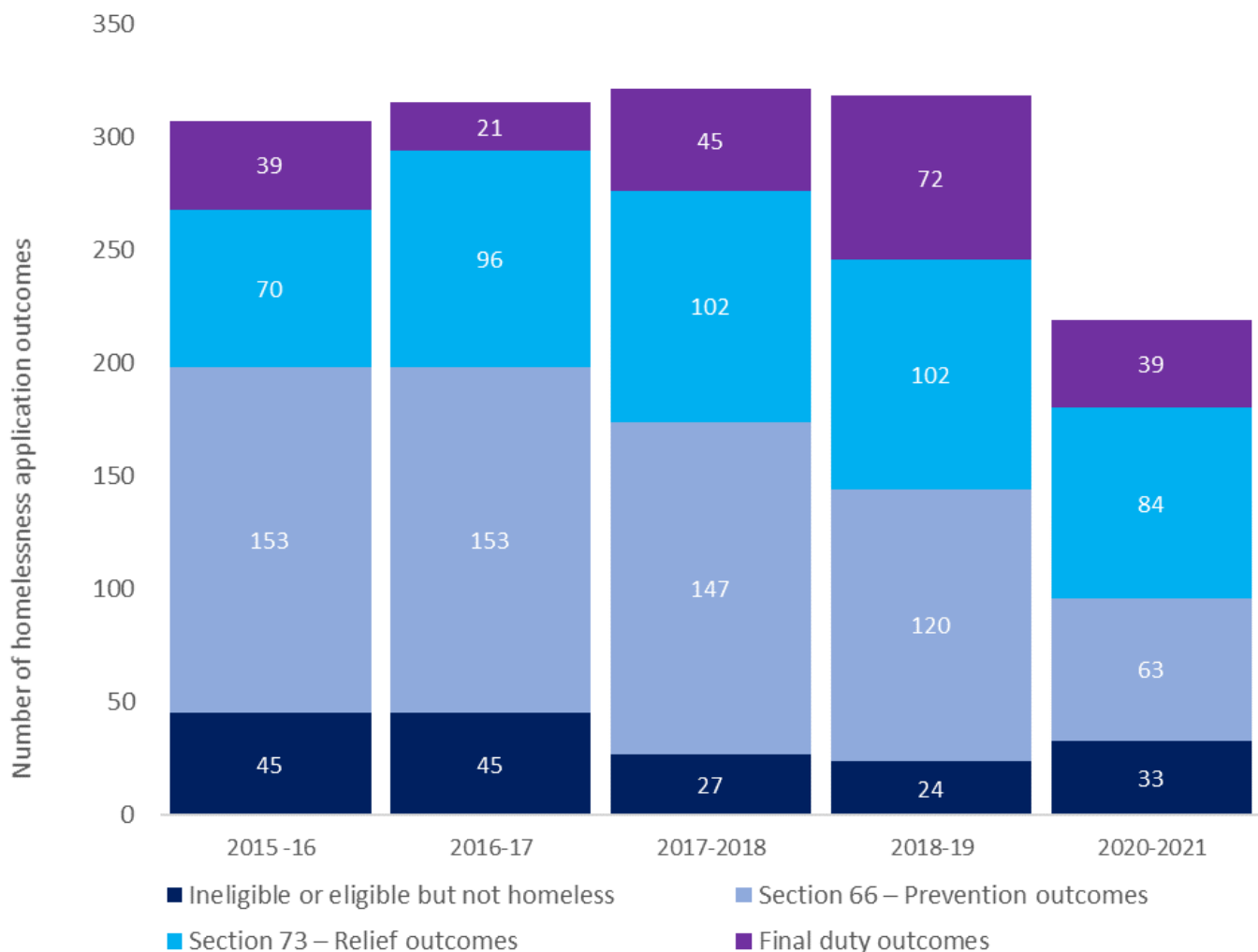
Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Torfaen

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 19 shows youth homelessness trends in Torfaen between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The number of outcomes stayed fairly consistent over this period, although there was a marked decline in 2020/21 during the COVID 19 pandemic. Focusing on different outcome types, it appears prevention outcomes decreased from 2015/16 to 2020/21, while relief outcomes increased across the same period. In 2020/21 the number of relief outcomes exceeded prevention outcomes for the first time.

Figure 19. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Torfaen 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 24 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Torfaen in 2021. There are 7 secondary schools in Torfaen, two of which (**Cwmbran High School** and **West Monmouth School**) have 345 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM. Cwmbran High School has the highest absolute number of pupils eligible for FSM (380) and a high percentage (36%), and West Monmouth School has a similar profile with 345 pupils eligible for FSM, constituting 31% of all pupils enrolled.

Given the high number and percentage of pupils eligible for FSM in **Cwmbran High School** and **West Monmouth School**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Also of note is Crownbridge School (special school), which has particularly high percentages of pupils eligible for FSM (48%), whilst having a relatively low absolute number of pupils (55). Consideration might be given to targeted support in this school.

Table 24. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Torfaen, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Cwmbran High School	380	1,055	36%
West Monmouth School	345	1,130	31%
Croesyceiliog School	315	1,230	26%
Abersychan Comprehensive	290	790	37%
Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw	130	745	17%
St Alban's RC High School	115	710	16%
Crownbridge School (<i>special school</i>)*	55	115	48%

*This is a 2-19 special school

Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: linked schools and homelessness applications data

Table 25 shows the number of pupils from each school in Torfaen who made a homelessness application to the local authority between September 2015 and August 2020. This data provides a more reliable indicator of potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention than FSM data because it focuses on homelessness experiences, rather than using poverty/FSM as a proxy for risk of youth homelessness.

Two schools each have at least 39 pupils who made a homelessness application between September 2015 and August 2020 (**Cwmbran High School** and **Croesyceiliog School**). The number of young people making an application appears to be consistently higher in these two schools relative to other schools in the local authority. These two schools would be a potential priority school for Upstream Cymru intervention.

The priority schools identified in Table 25 are broadly consistent with those identified by FSM data in Table 24; Cwmbran High School is a priority in both. However, in the homelessness application data Croesyceiliog School emerges as a priority above West Monmouth school – a reversal of the findings in the FSM data.

The school emerging as a clear priority for Upstream Cymru intervention is **Cwmbran High School**. Homelessness applications across the 5-year period from young people who attended the school are higher than all other schools, albeit there has been a marked reduction in yearly applications over the period.

Torfaen also provided data on young people who did not attend a Torfaen school. The findings show that 87 16-25 years olds who made a homelessness application in the period did not attend a local school. A further finding from the local authority's data is that 52 young people making an application had attended multiple schools.

Table 25. Schools attended by young people aged 16-25 who made a homelessness application to the local authority, by year of application (September 2015 - August 2020)

School	Sep 15- Aug 16	Sep 16- Aug 17	Sep 17- Aug 18	Sep 18 – Aug 19	Sep 19 – Aug 20	Total Applications Sep 15- Aug 20	Total Pupils in school 2021
Cwmbran High School	13	23	23	10	-	74	1055
Croesyceiliog School	10	13	-	8	-	39	1,230
West Monmouth School	-	14	7	-	-	33	1130
Abersychan Comprehensive	6	8	-	-	-	27	790
St Alban's RC High School	-	-	-	-	-	10	710
Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw	0	0	-	-	0	6	745

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N.B.: Crownbridge School data not provided so is not included

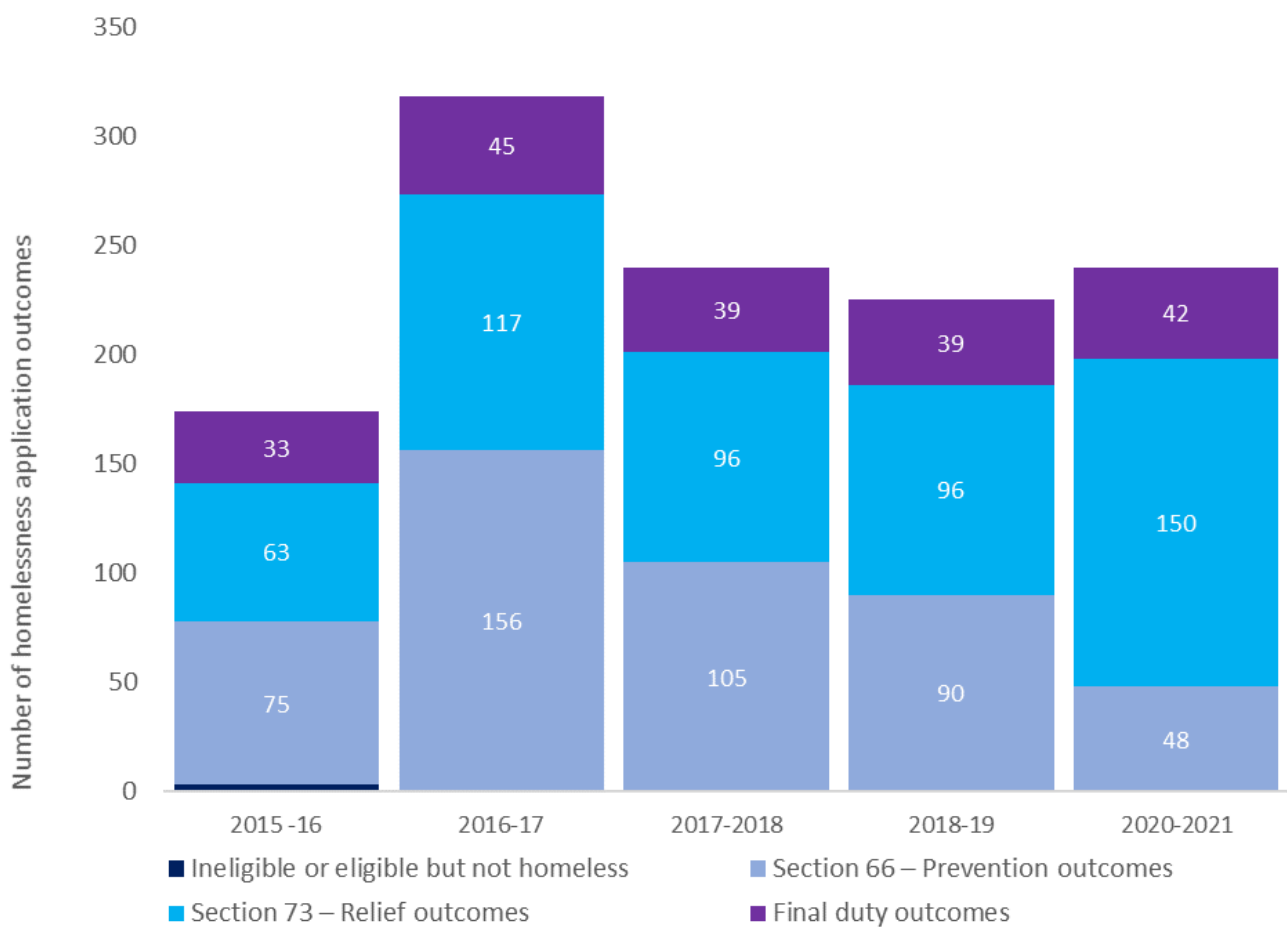
Source: Torfaen local authority

Vale of Glamorgan

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 20 shows youth homelessness trends in Vale of Glamorgan between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of homelessness outcomes remained constant after 2016/17. Focusing on different outcome types; there is a clear trend of decreasing prevention outcomes and an increase in relief outcomes.

Figure 20. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Vale of Glamorgan 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 26 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in the Vale of Glamorgan in 2021. There are 9 secondary schools in Vale of Glamorgan, three of which (**Pencoedtre High School**, **St Cyres School** and **Whitmore High School**) have 215 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM. Pencoedtre High School has by far the highest number of pupils eligible for FSM (390) and the highest percentage of pupils too (42%). St Cyres School and Whitmore High School also have a high absolute number of pupils eligible for FSM (245 and 215 respectively) but a lower percentage (20% and 21% respectively).

Given the high number and percentage of pupils eligible for FSM in **Pencoedtre High School**, on the basis of FSM data alone, this would be a potential priority school for Upstream Cymru intervention. Intervention **St Cyres School** and **Whitmore High School** would also be likely to have a significant positive impact.

Also of note is Ysgol Y Deri (special school) which has a particularly high percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (37%), whilst having a relatively low absolute number of pupils (115). Consideration might be given to targeted support in this school.

Table 26. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Vale of Glamorgan, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Pencoedtre High School	390	935	42%
St Cyres School	245	1,215	20%
Whitmore High School	215	1,010	21%
Llantwit Major Comprehensive School	165	1,005	16%
St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School	125	800	16%
Ysgol Bro Morgannwg*	125	1,345	9%
Stanwell School	120	2000	6%
Ysgol Y Deri (<i>special school</i>)*	115	315	37%
Cowbridge Comprehensive School	85	1,530	6%

*This is a 5-19 school

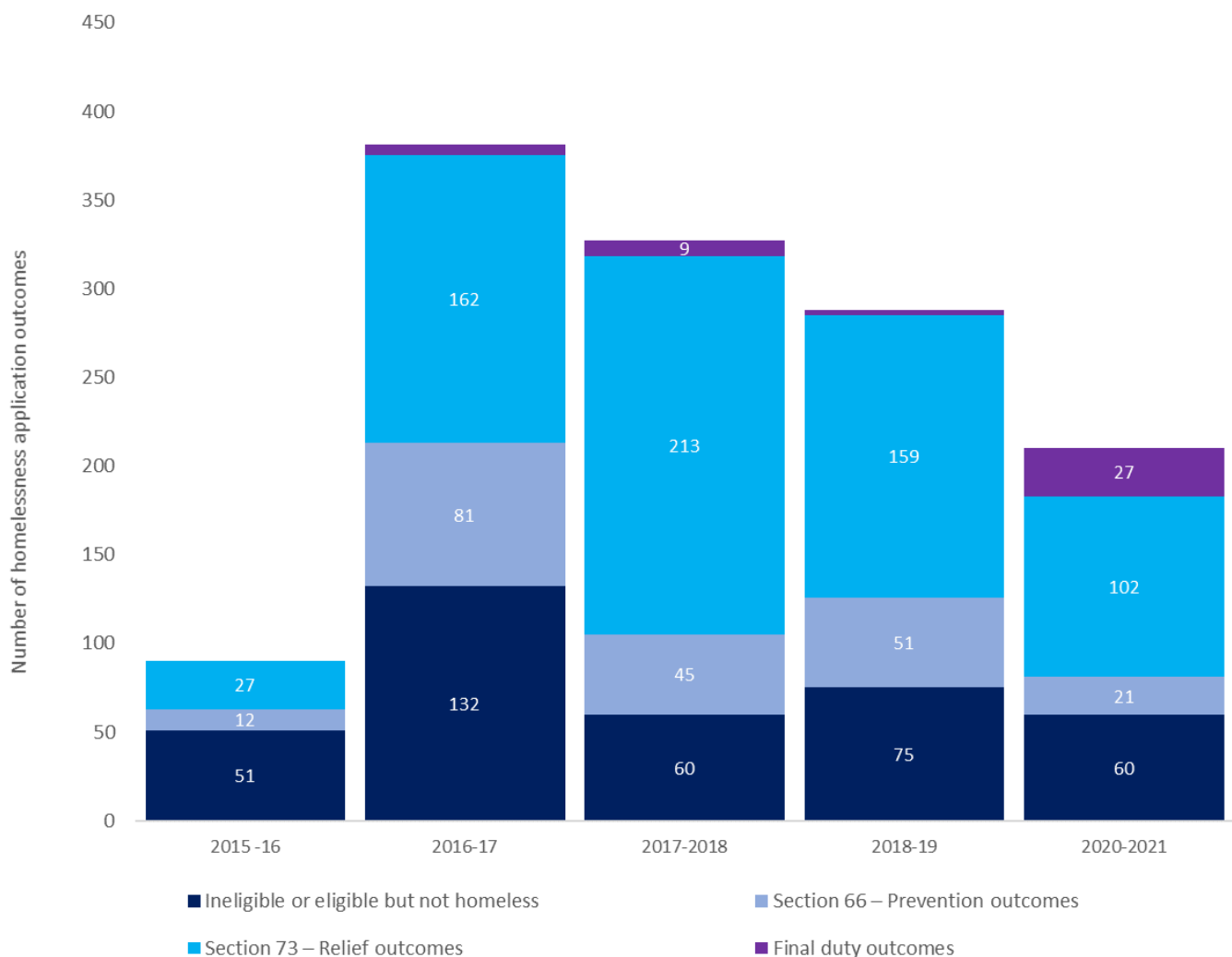
Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Wrexham

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 21 shows youth homelessness trends in Wrexham between 2015/16 and 2020/21. After 2015/16, the total number of homelessness application outcomes generally decreased over the period. There is no discernible trend across the different outcome types; the number of outcomes reduced across all outcome types. However, it is worth observing that in all years the total number of prevention outcomes is much lower than the total number of relief outcomes.

Figure 21. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Wrexham 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 27 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Wrexham in 2021. There are 10 secondary schools in Wrexham, two of which (**Rhosnesni High School** and **Ysgol Clywedog**) have 275 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM. Rhosnesni High school has a high absolute number of pupils eligible for FSM (285) and a relatively high percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (31%). Ysgol Clywedog has a similarly high number of pupils eligible for FSM (275) and a very high percentage of FSM eligible pupils (35%).

Given the high number and percentage of pupils eligible for FSM in **Rhosnesni High School** and **Ysgol Clywedog**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Also of note is St Christophers School (special school) which has a particularly high percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (47%), whilst having a relatively low absolute number of pupils (130). Consideration might be given to targeted support in this school.

Table 27. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Wrexham, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Rhosnesni High School	285	905	31%
Ysgol Clywedog	275	790	35%
Bryn Alyn High School	210	720	29%
Ysgol-Y-Grango	175	560	31%
Darland High School	145	825	18%
Rhiwabon High School	135	480	28%
Ysgol Morgan Llwyd	130	835	16%
St Christophers School (<i>special school</i>)*	130	275	47%
St Joseph's Catholic and Anglican High School	80	720	11%
Maelor School	55	815	7%

*This is a 6-19 special school

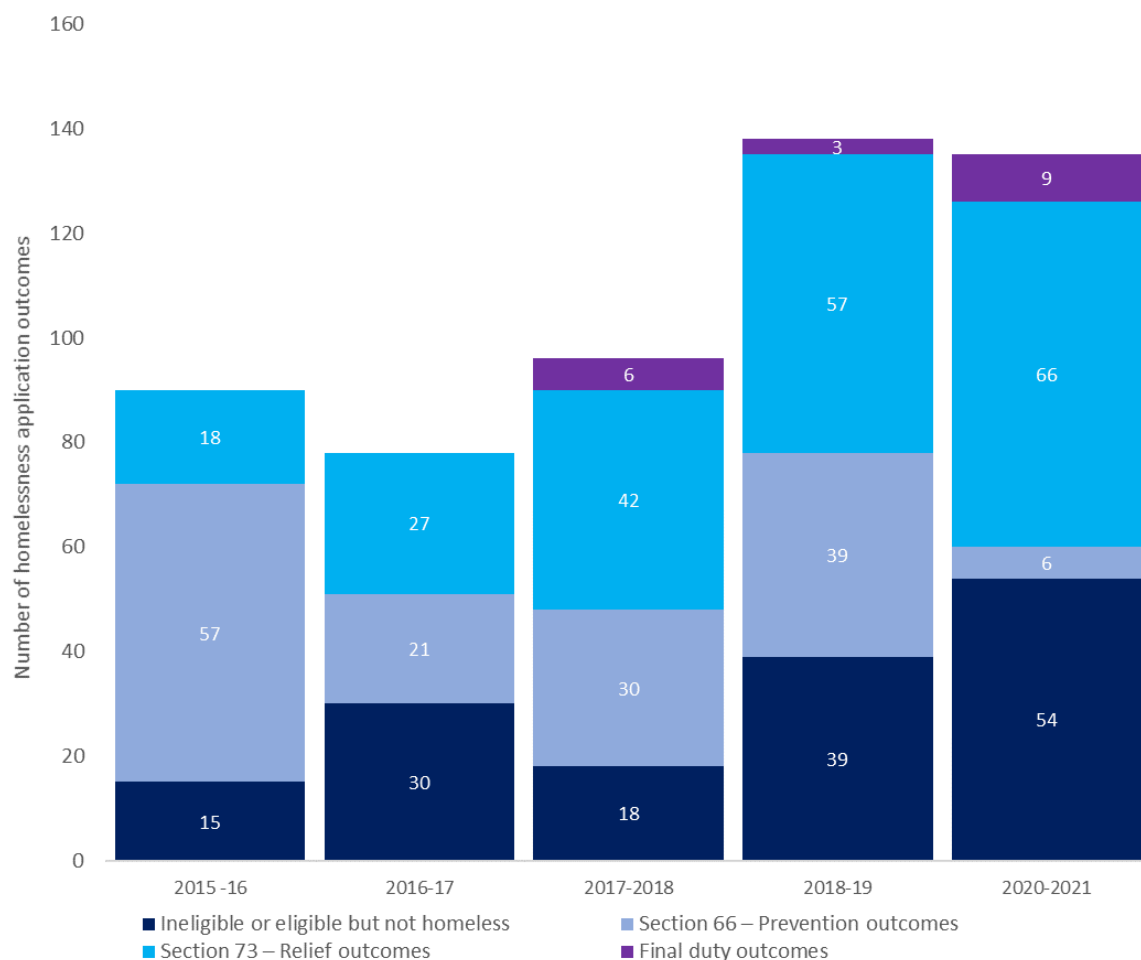
Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Ynys Môn

Youth homelessness trends

Figure 22 shows youth homelessness trends in Ynys Môn between 2015/16 and 2020/21. The total number of homelessness application outcomes generally increased across the period. Most notably, from 2018/19 to 2020/21 the overall application outcome figures are significantly higher than the previous three-year period. Examining trends in different outcome types it seems the total number of both prevention and relief outcomes were increasing until the pandemic in 2020/21 when the number of prevention outcomes reduced markedly.

Figure 22. Homelessness application outcomes for young people aged 16-24 in Ynys Môn, 2015/16–2020/21



Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: Free School Meal data

Table 28 shows the percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in each school in Ynys Môn in 2021. There are 6 secondary schools in Ynys Môn, two of which (**Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi** and **Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern**) have 165 pupils and upwards who are eligible for FSM. Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi has 230 pupils eligible for FSM and the second highest percentage (26%) within the county. Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern has 165 pupils eligible for FSM and a slightly lower percentage of pupils (23%). Also of note is David Hughes School, which has a smaller percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (13%) than some of the other schools within Ynys Môn but a fairly high absolute number (150).

Given the high number and percentage of pupils eligible for FSM in **Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi** and **Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern**, on the basis of FSM data alone, these would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Also of note is Canolfan Addysg y Bont (special school), which has a particularly high percentage of pupils eligible for FSM (39%) whilst having a relatively low absolute number of pupils (45). Consideration might be given to targeted support in this school.

Table 28. Number of pupils receiving Free School Meals in Ynys Môn, 2021

School	No. of FSM pupils	Total no. of pupils	Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM
Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi	230	880	26%
Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern	165	730	23%
David Hughes School	150	1,130	13%
Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones	115	520	22%
Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni	110	655	17%
Canolfan Addysg y Bont (<i>special school</i>)*	45	115	39%

*This is a 3-19 special school

Source: [Stats Wales](#)

Identifying priority schools: linked schools and homelessness applications data

Table 29 shows the number of pupils from each school in Ynys Môn who made a homelessness application to the local authority between September 2018 and August 2020. This data provides a more reliable indicator of potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention than FSM data because it focuses on homelessness experiences, rather than using poverty/FSM as a proxy for risk of youth homelessness.

Two schools each have at least 16 pupils who made a homelessness application between September 2018 and August 2020 (**Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi** and **Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern**). The number of young people making an application appears to be somewhat higher in these schools relative to other schools in the local authority, albeit the total number of homelessness applications is low overall and differences are difficult to observe. The two schools named above would be potential priority schools for Upstream Cymru intervention.

The schools identified in Table 29 are broadly consistent with those identified by FSM data in Table 28; the two same schools were prioritised and in the same order. These two schools (**Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi** and **Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern**) emerge as clear priorities for Upstream Cymru intervention.

Table 29. Schools attended by young people aged 16-25 who made a homelessness application to the local authority, by year of application (September 2018 - August 2020)

School	Sep 18 – Aug 19	Sep 19 – Aug 20	Total Applications Sep 18- Aug 20	Total Pupils in school 2021
Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi	9	12	21	880
Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern	6	10	16	730
Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni	-	-	13	655
David Hughes School	-	-	10	1,130
Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones	-	-	10	520

- Value suppressed where ≤ 5

N.B.: Data not available for Canolfan Addysg y Bont, therefore excluded from table

Source: Ynys Môn local authority

Conclusions

This report helps to lay foundations for potential Wales-wide implementation of Upstream Cymru. For each local authority in Wales, the report provides a baseline on youth homelessness trends against which the impacts of upstream interventions can be assessed. It also seeks to identify potential schools to prioritise for upstream school-based intervention. Whilst the report is primarily a compilation and description of data relating to each local authority, these conclusions take the opportunity to reflect on trends across local authorities.

Youth homelessness trends

Trends in total homelessness application outcomes across Welsh local authorities vary considerably; applications are increasing in seven local authorities (LAs), fairly constant in a further seven LAs, decreasing in four LAs, and in three LAs there is a bell-shaped pattern in applications (i.e. an initial increase, followed by a recent decrease). These trends will reflect a mix of structural factors (e.g. local housing market pressures), LA homelessness policies and interventions, as well as potential variations in data recording practices. If upstream preventative actions are effective there will be a reduction in homelessness applications. In Geelong, where the Upstream approach originated, a 40% reduction in applications for homelessness assistance was observed.

The analysis also finds that relief outcomes constitute an increasing proportion of homelessness application outcomes for young people in nine Welsh local authorities. There is only one local authority where this trend is reversed and there is a shift towards greater prevention outcomes. This trend has been worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic where services and support shifted towards crisis response. There is a clear need for a renewed focus on upstream, prevention-focused intervention.

Identifying priority schools for upstream homelessness prevention support

Seven local authorities were able to provide linked education and homelessness data. In these local authorities it was possible to identify the schools most frequently attended by young people who made homelessness applications across a five-year period. Additionally, in many special schools and PRUs, whilst the absolute number of young people who made a homelessness application is relatively low, they constitute a very high proportion of pupils in the school. This data can be used for two main purposes: 1] to identify where Upstream Cymru might have greatest impact, and 2] as a baseline against which the impacts of any new school-based interventions can be assessed - it would be anticipated that the number of homelessness applications from young people in intervention schools would reduce.

In the absence of linked data in 15 local authorities, the study relied on Free School Meal (FSM) data as a proxy for poverty and potential risk of homelessness. Whilst this data provides some indication of the schools that might be targeted for Upstream intervention, in local authorities where both linked data and FSM data were available, there was close alignment between the two datasets less than fifty per cent of the time.

The challenges local authorities faced in providing linked homelessness and education data highlights the need for much improved data environments in local authorities. The ability to be able to follow people's journeys through different systems is crucial to informing upstream youth homelessness prevention efforts.

Moving forwards

This descriptive report provides a foundation upon which local authorities and partners can build and assess their school-based, upstream prevention efforts. Our hope is that future analysis will find three things; 1] More local authorities have data environments that enable them to track young people's experiences across different local authority services (schools, social services, homelessness etc); 2] Youth homelessness applications reduce due to earlier intervention and where applications are made, the balance is in favour of prevention rather than relief; and 3] Schools targeted for upstream intervention see a reduction in the number of young people who go on to make a homelessness application. There will be a lag between school-based intervention and any impacts on homelessness applications, therefore the Upstream Cymru team aims to revisit this data in approximately three years.

Appendix A. Local authority linked data returns

Appendix A documents local authority responses to the request for linked homelessness and education data. It records which local authorities were able to provide linked data, and for those unable to provide data, the key reasons are listed¹.

Local authority	Linked data provided	Reasons for non-provision of data
Carmarthenshire	Yes	-
Ceredigion	Yes	-
Neath and Port Talbot	Yes	-
Newport	Yes	-
Powys	Yes	-
Torfaen	Yes	-
Ynys Môn	Yes	-
Blaenau Gwent	No	▪ Data is not recorded/held by the LA
Bridgend	No	▪ Data is not recorded/held by the LA
Cardiff	No	▪ No response/No reason provided
Conwy	No	▪ Data cannot be linked due to systems
Denbighshire	No	▪ Data is not recorded/held by the LA
Flintshire	No	▪ Data is not recorded/held by the LA
Gwynedd	No	▪ Data is not recorded/held by the LA
Merthyr Tydfil	No	▪ Data is not recorded/held by the LA
Monmouthshire	No	▪ Data is not recorded/held by the LA
Pembrokeshire	No	▪ Data is not recorded/held by the LA
Rhondda Cynon Taf	No	▪ Not requested/SAIL ² linkage being explored
Swansea	No	▪ Not requested/SAIL linkage being explored
Vale of Glamorgan	No	▪ Provided incomplete data
Wrexham	No	▪ Data is not recorded/held by the LA

¹ In addition to direct requests via email, online meetings, and follow-up request, any non-responding local authorities were sent the following FOI request: 'Which schools were attended by single person households aged 25 or under, who made a homelessness application to the Local Authority between September 2015 to present. Please provide this broken down by year of enquiry (September to August) wherever possible.'

² Secure Anonymised Information Linkage Databank based at Swansea University. SAIL facilitate secure access to de-identified administrative data for linkage based research.

