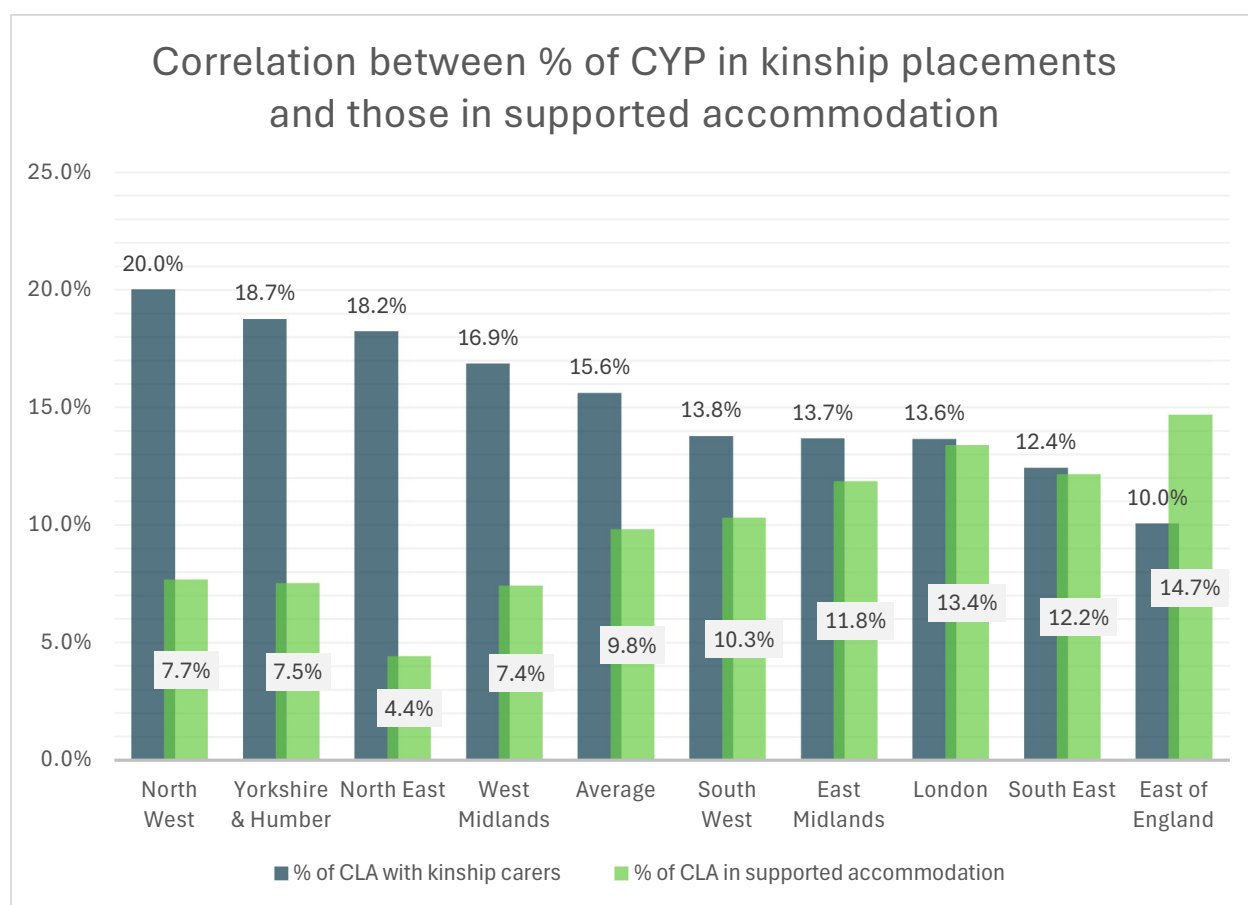


Nearly always kinship first

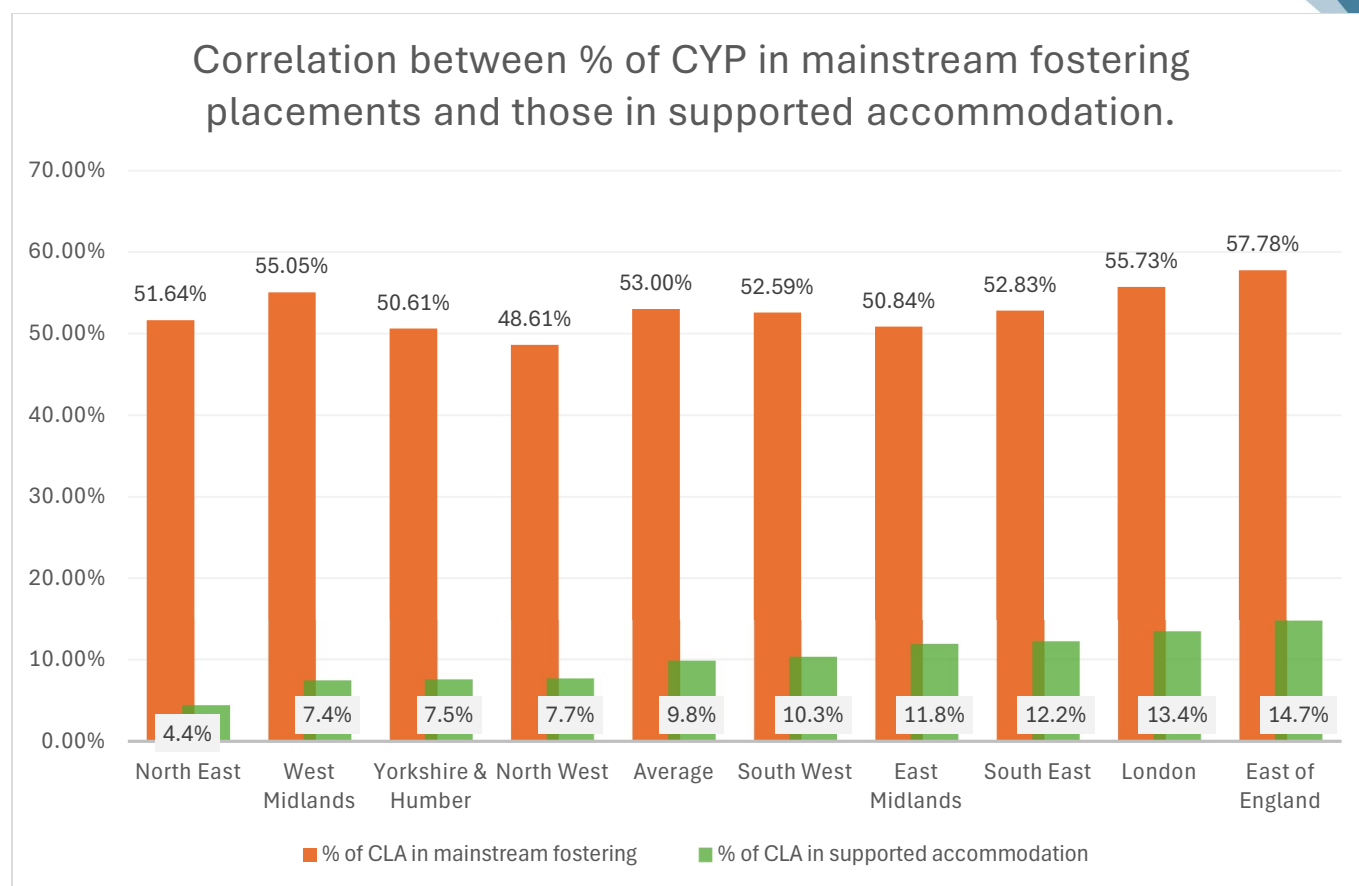
We all recognise that when a child comes in to care that we have a duty to firstly consider them living with the family and people they know best, but did you know this....

Analysis shows that when LA's have a high number of children in care living with kinship carers they are also more likely to have fewer young people in supported accommodation.

“Keeping our children and young people in care within their current networks will limit the likelihood of them living in supported accommodation later in life and in doing so significantly improve their journey into adult life”



The regions with the highest % of children in care within kinship homes (North West, Yorkshire, North East and the West Midlands) have the least young people in supported accommodation.



There is no similar correlation between the high use of mainstream foster care and the low use of supported accommodation. The 2 regions with the highest use of mainstream fostering (East of England and London) also have the highest use of supported accommodation.