

# UK RENAL REGISTRY

## ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

Analyses of data for children and young people under 18 years to the end of 2021

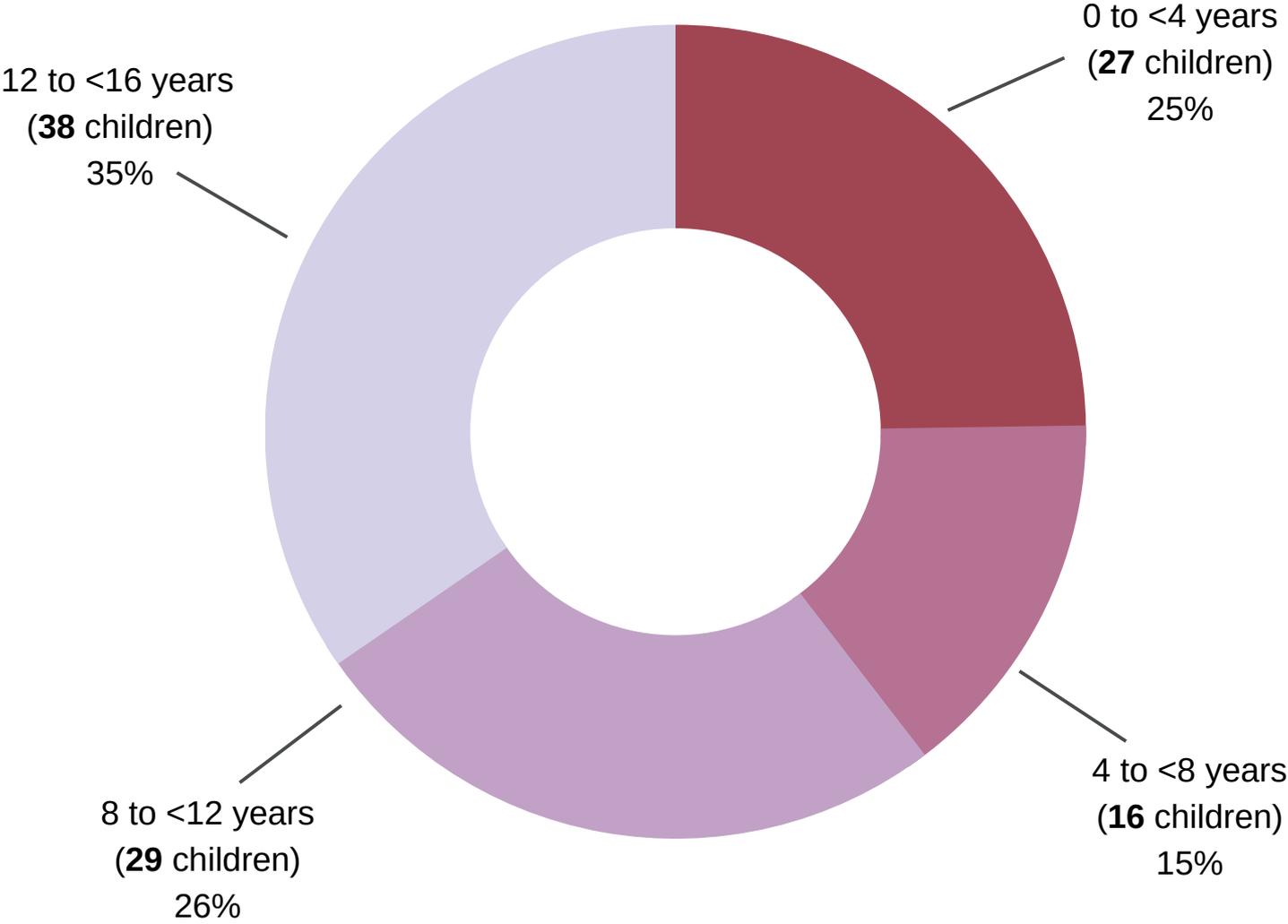


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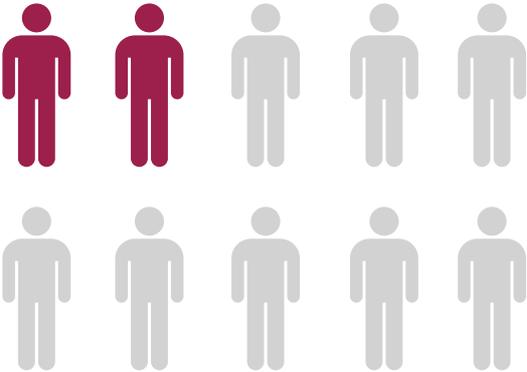
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# CHILDREN STARTING TREATMENT

In 2021, **110 children** under 16 years of age started long-term treatment for kidney failure, which equated to **9 children in every million** of the UK child population. This was a similar number of children compared with previous years. Approximately 60% were male.



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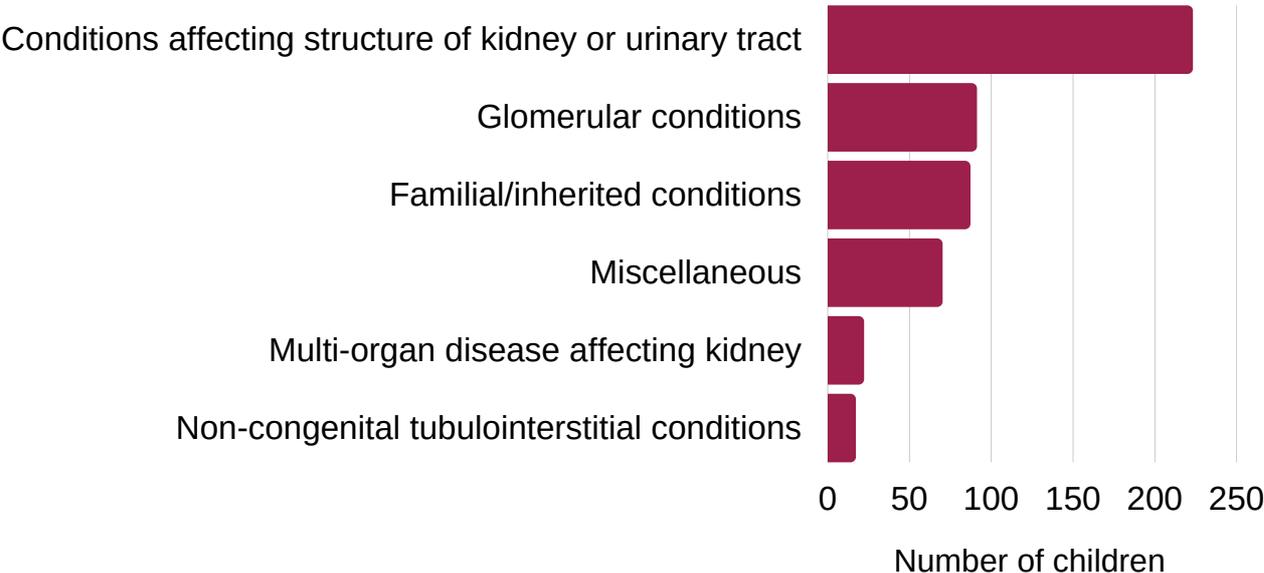


In 2021, 2 in 10 children\* first saw a kidney specialist within 90 days of needing to start treatment. This is called late presentation.

Children were under specialist kidney care for an average of 27 months\* before needing to start treatment.



Between 2017-2021, just under half of all children who started treatment had conditions affecting the kidneys or other structures of the urinary tract that were present from birth.

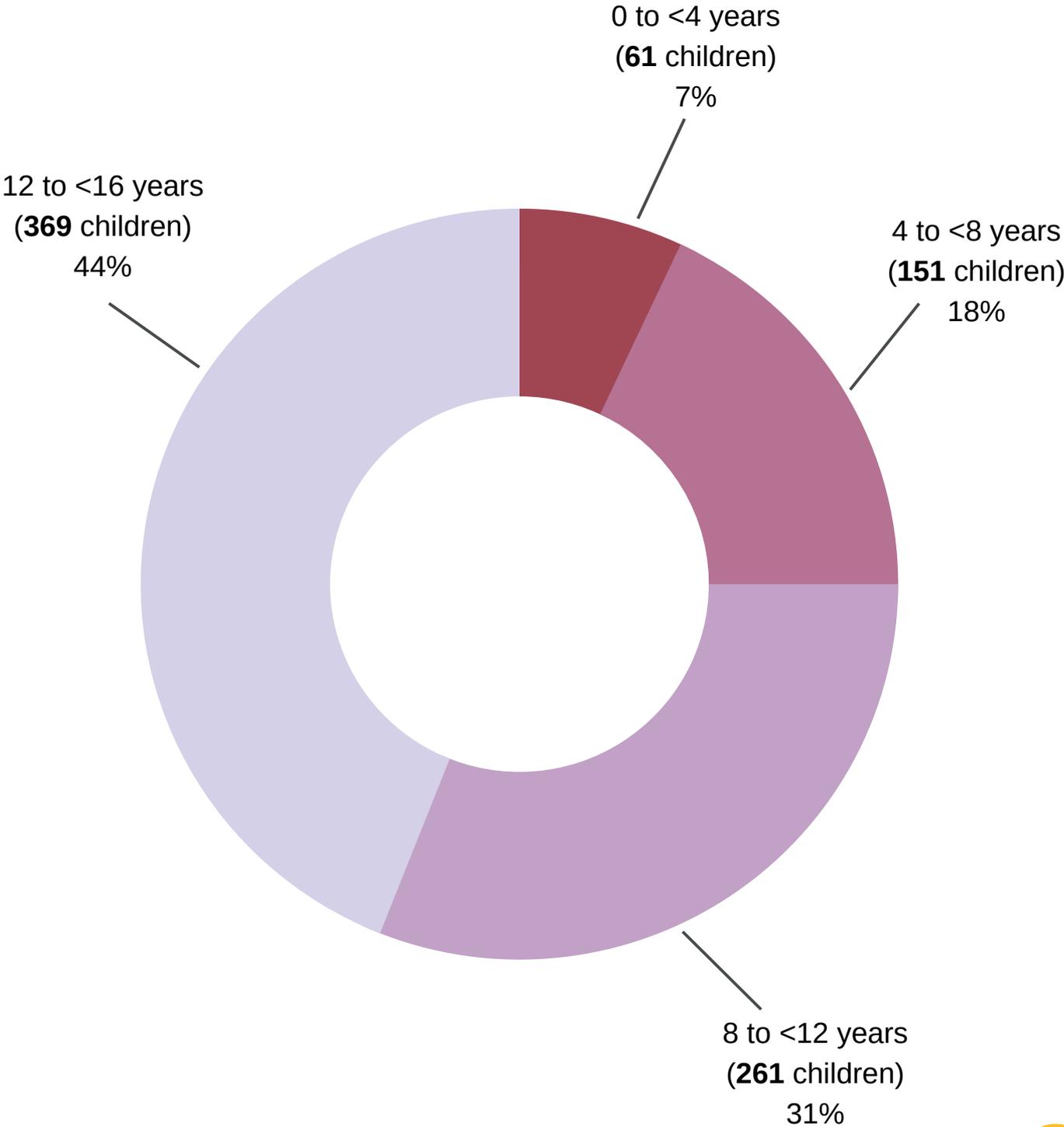


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# CHILDREN ALREADY ON TREATMENT

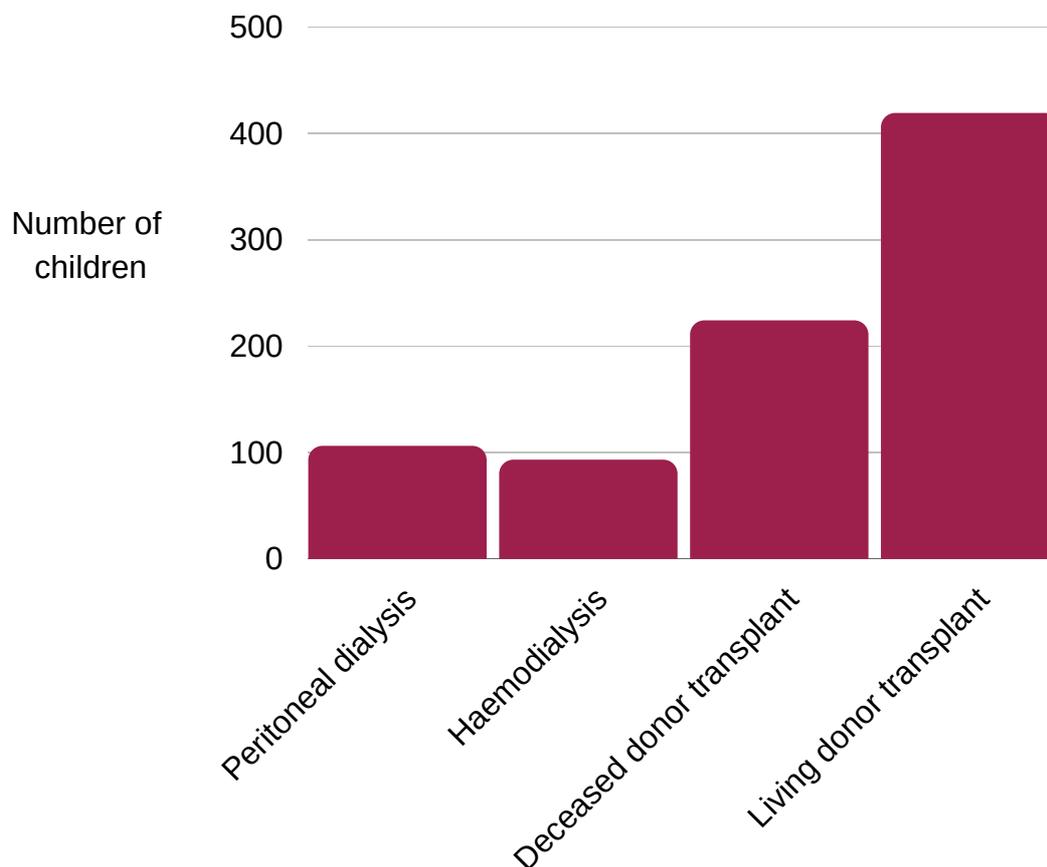
At the end of 2021, **842 children under 16 years** of age were on long-term treatment for kidney failure. This has increased from 812 children in 2020.

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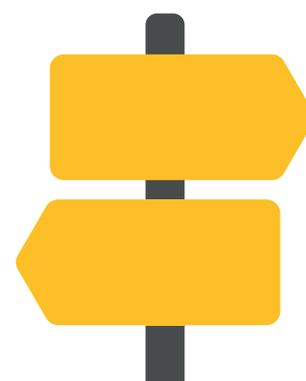
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At the end of 2021, most children on long-term treatment for kidney failure had a kidney transplant. The most common was a living donor transplant.

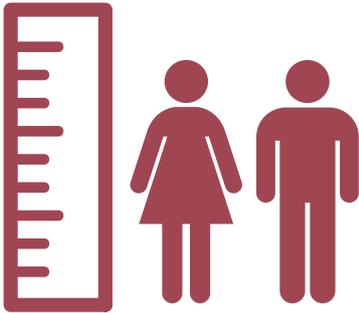


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At time of transfer to adult services, most young people (**84%**) had a functioning kidney transplant.



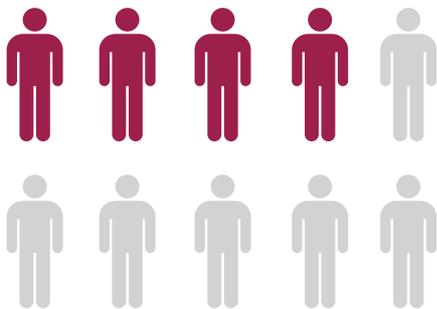
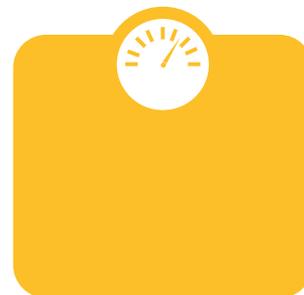
# GROWTH AND BLOOD PRESSURE



At the end of 2021, children with kidney failure **were shorter** than UK children of the same age and sex. This was less pronounced for children who had a functioning kidney transplant.

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On average, children on dialysis **weighed less** than those without kidney failure. Children with functioning kidney transplants had a similar weight compared to the average for their age and sex.



**4 in 10** children who received long-term treatment for kidney failure were classified as **overweight** or obese.

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73% of children had systolic and 77% had diastolic blood pressure values within target range\*.



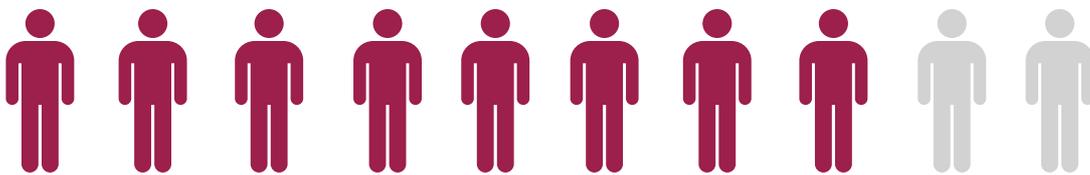
\*For children under 16 years with available data; blood pressure targets are based on a child's age and height.

# CHILDREN WITH KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS

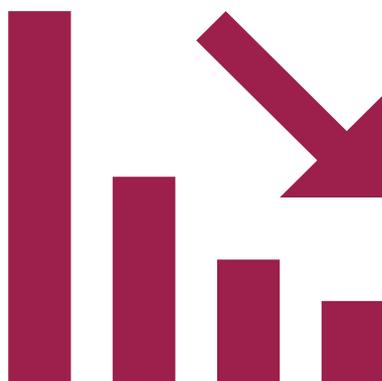


At the end of 2021, 643 children across the UK were receiving long-term treatment for kidney failure in the form of a kidney transplant.

Almost 8 in 10 children who received treatment for kidney failure had a transplant.



The average eGFR\* for all transplant patients was 61 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>.



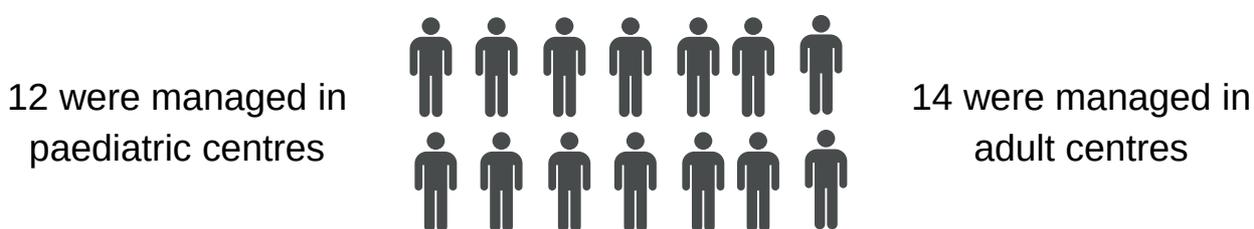
19 children had a transplant that was failing, with an eGFR of less than 30 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>.

\*eGFR is a blood test that measures kidney function. In healthy children this typically exceeds 90 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>.

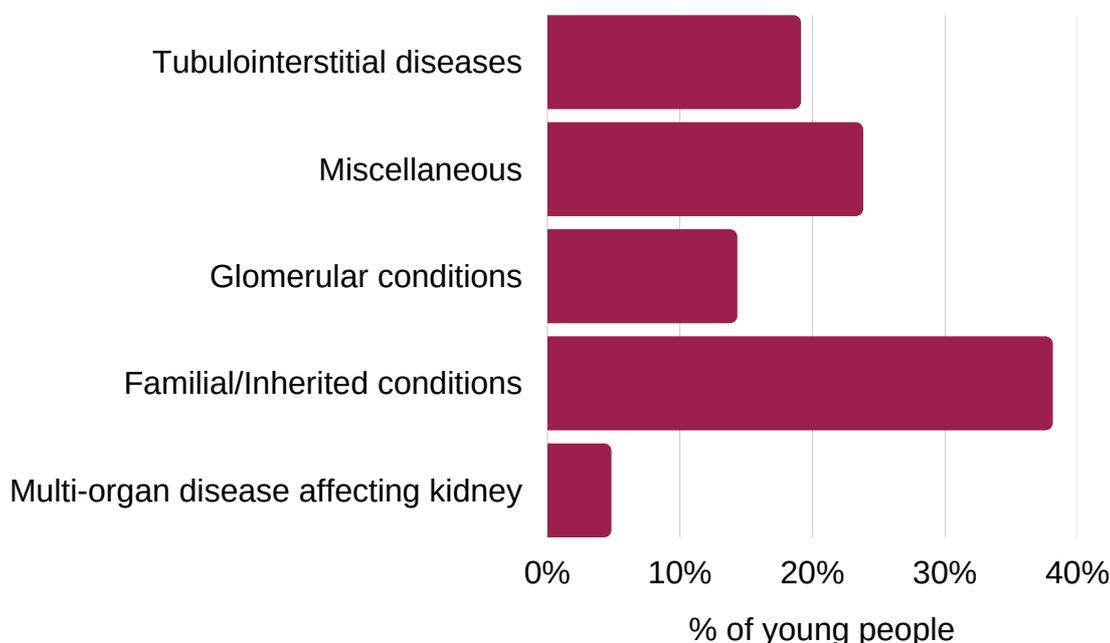
# YOUNG PEOPLE STARTING TREATMENT

Data from both adult and paediatric centres were used to identify the number of young people aged 16-18 years on long-term treatment for kidney failure.

In 2021, **26 young people** started treatment, equating to 17 people in every million of the UK young person population.



Familial/inherited conditions were the commonest cause of kidney failure.

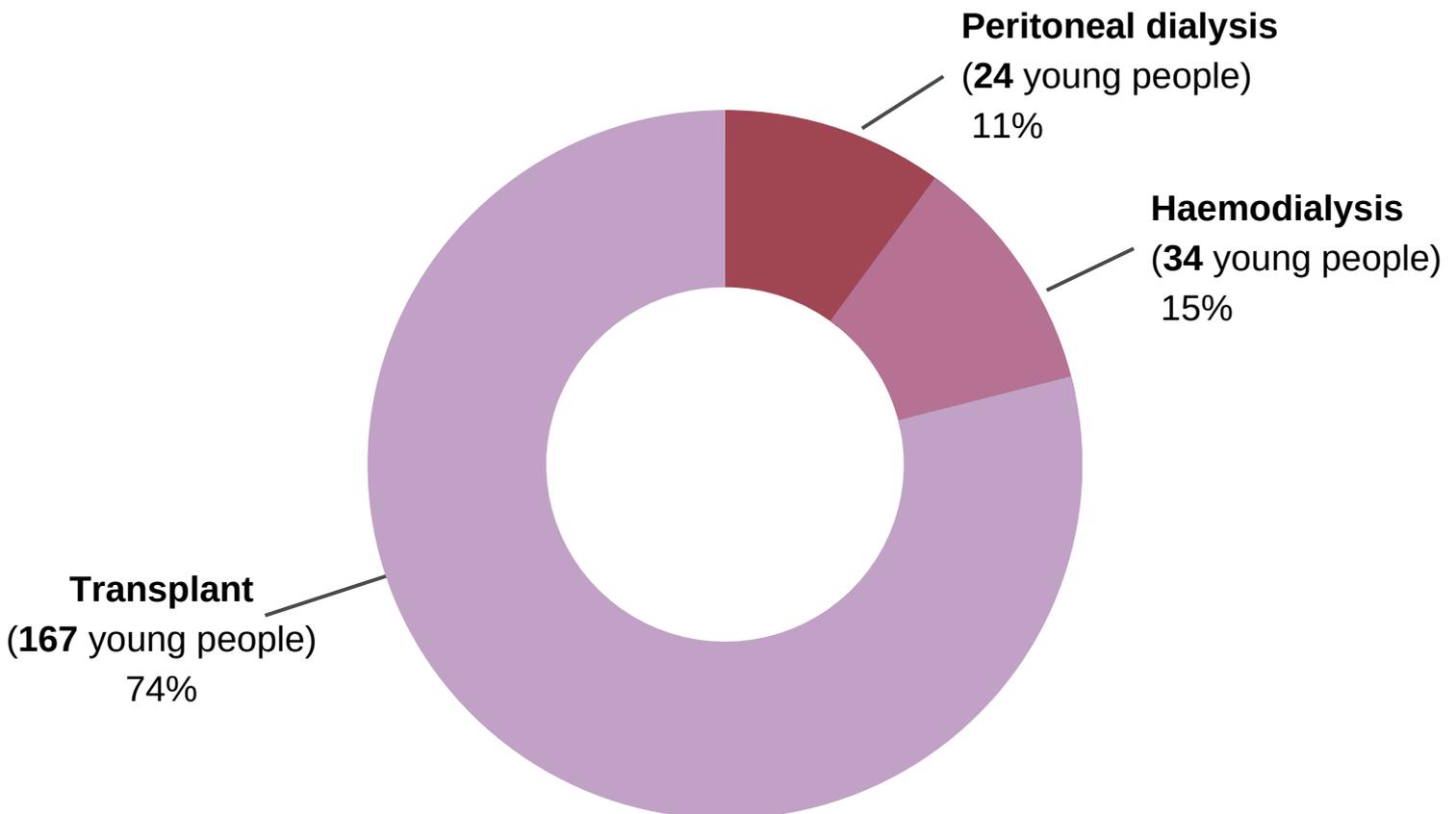


Over half (58%) of young people who started treatment were male.

Most were of White ethnic background (67%), followed by Asian (25%), and other ethnicities (8%).

# YOUNG PEOPLE ALREADY ON TREATMENT

At the end of 2021, **225** young people aged 16-18 years were on long-term treatment for kidney failure: **58** young people were on dialysis, while **167** had a functioning kidney transplant.



For young people with a transplant, the average eGFR\* was **70 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>**.

Half (50%) of young people on dialysis and almost two-thirds (66%) of those with a transplant had a blood pressure within the 'normal' range (less than 130/80).



\*eGFR is a blood test that measures kidney function. In healthy young people this typically exceeds 90 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>.



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