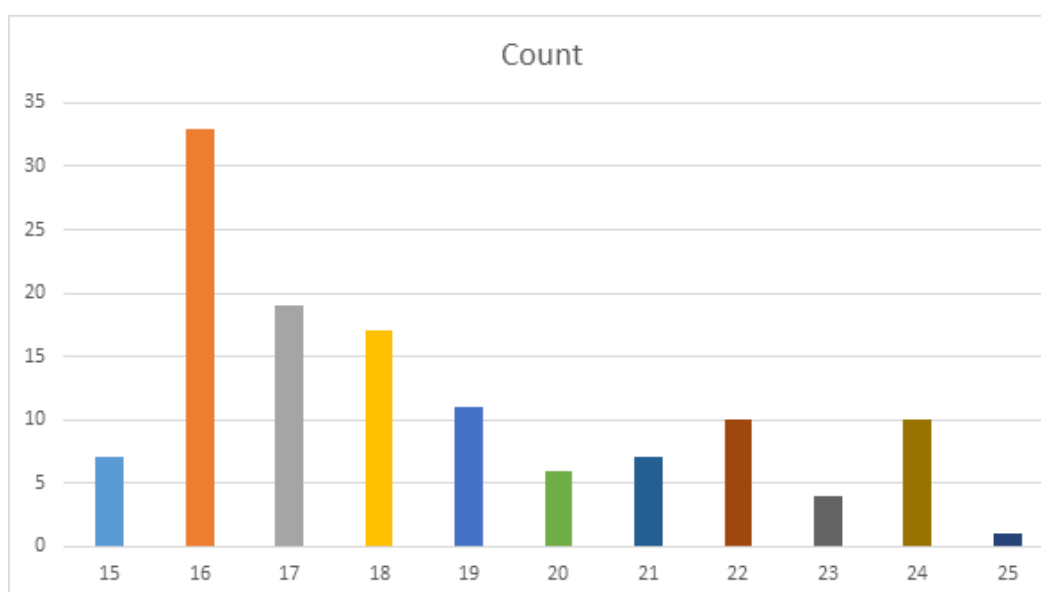


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The majority of applicants for 2022 were 16 years old – of school leaving age. This may show the impact of targeted communications to schools, where it was requested that assemblies be held to promote the grant scheme. It may also demonstrate a ‘gap’ in provision- where young people may require a laptop or travel pass to continue their studies after GCSE but no longer have access to a device or funding upon leaving their school.

It should be noted that there has been an adjustment to the application form which made it challenging for those over exactly 25 years of age to apply. This will be adjusted in future to ensure those 15 and over and in their 25th year can apply without barrier.

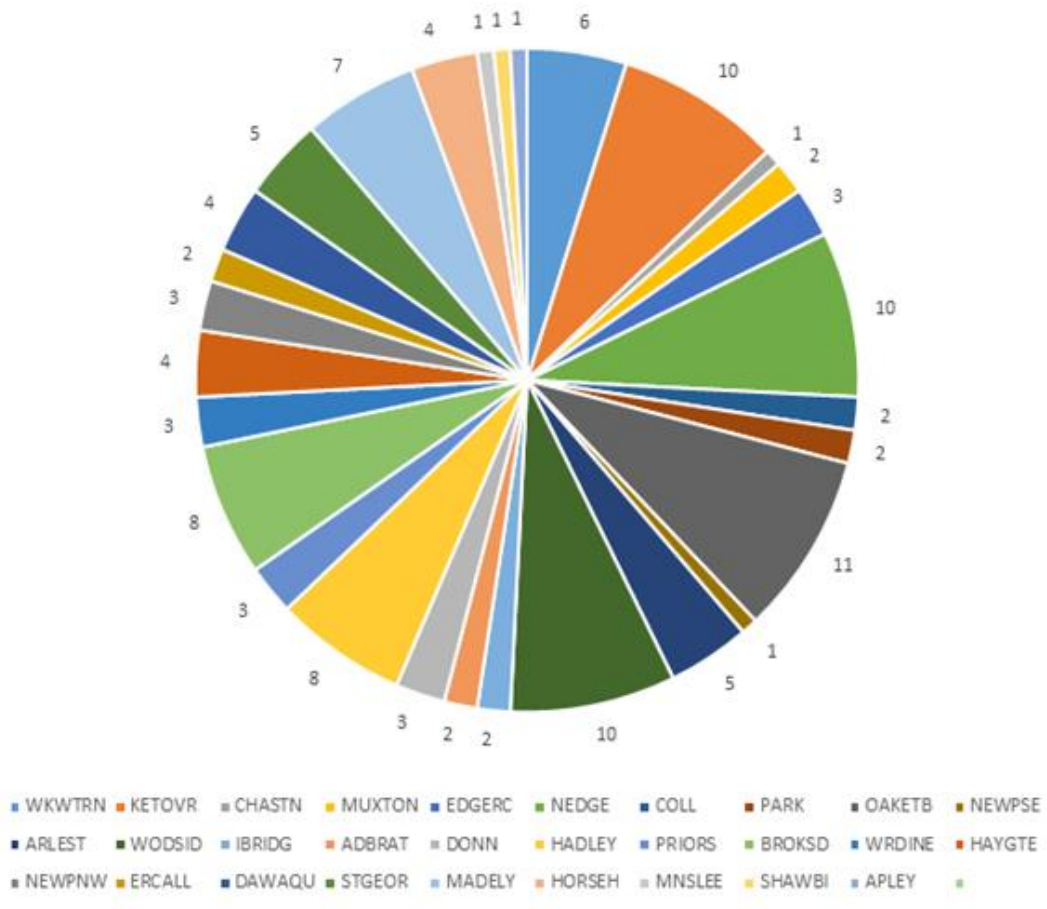
B Ward Breakdown

In a change from 2021, where the majority of young people applied from Dawley and Aqueduct, the ward with the highest number of applicants for 2022 was Oakengates and Ketley Bank.

The Index of Multiple Deprivation for 2019 shows that these areas are ones of significant deprivation (the 10 to 20% most deprived nationally). This demonstrates the need for accessible investment in education, employment and training in this area, targeted towards young people. It is also important to note that the IMD shows that both of the high-application areas for 2021 and '22 are ranked in the 10% most deprived nationally for education (that is, a lack of attainment and skills in the local population).

Whilst we do see a higher proportion of applications from Brookside and Woodside, the most generally deprived areas locally and amongst those nationally, they do not rank as highly as Oakengates and Ketley Bank or Dawley and Aqueduct. This could suggest that further targeted communications should be focused on these areas and services such as schools within, and that events such as library application days and youth hub engagement events be investigated and set to ensure maximum engagement.

We see that every ward had at least one applicant this year, but not every ward was represented in successful grant achievement. Work should be undertaken to ensure that all wards are represented in grant awards.



C Award Type Breakdown

The majority of young people applied for a laptop, or laptop and study resources. This again shows a clear link between the average age of applicants and their request- a need for a laptop to help them continue with study after completing GCSEs.

Fewer people applied in 2022 for bus passes compared with 2021. At the time of the application cycle some bus routes had been adjusted resulting in a reduction in provision; therefore funding was requested for

alternative transport options (such as 16-25 railcards). However, significant work has been undertaken during the last few months to increase the number of new bus routes across the borough and improve connectivity. It is envisaged that this positive change will be reflected in future applications for 2023 that will be supported by promotion of the new routes and connectivity provided.

