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NWL Annual Report 2026

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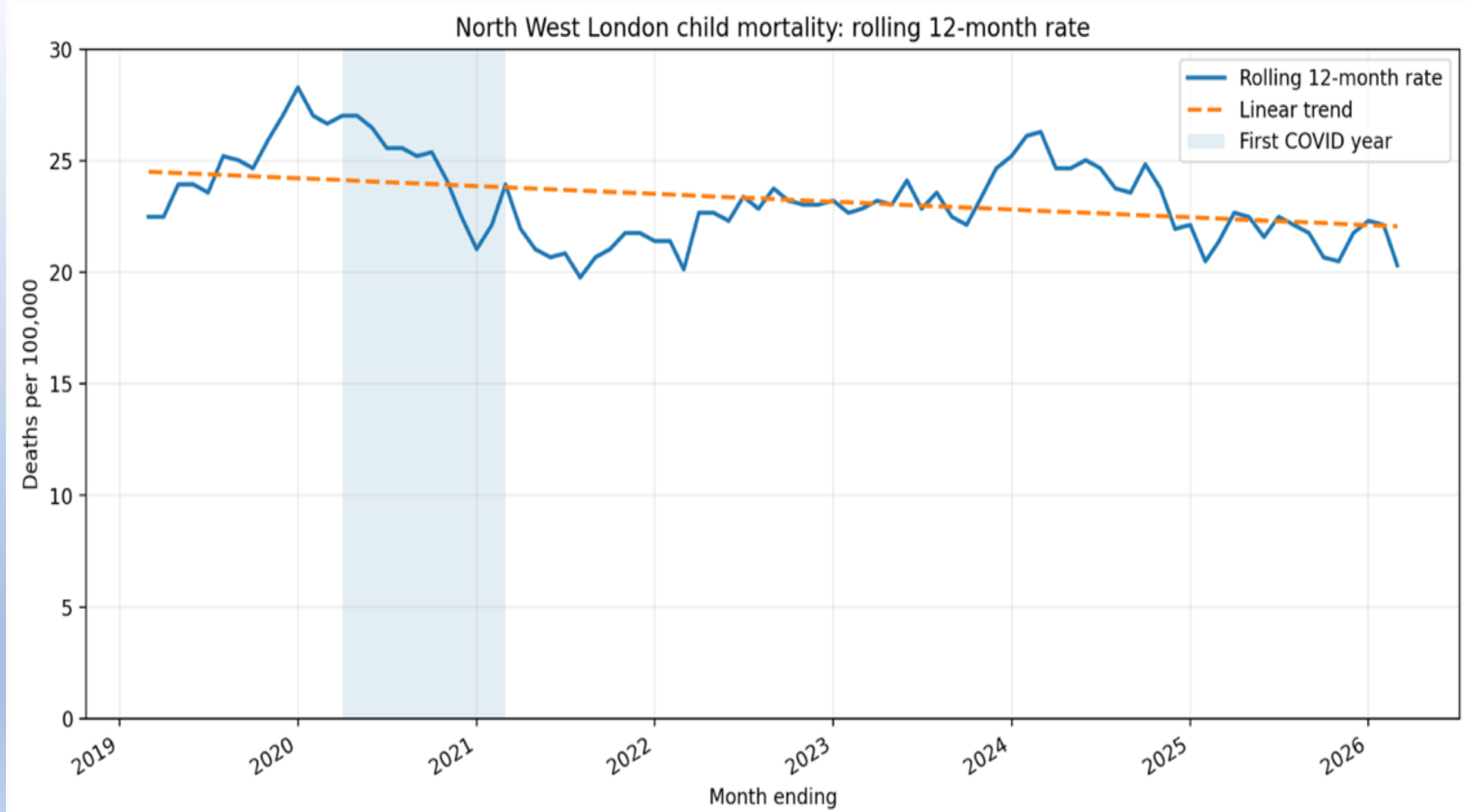
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2026 Annual Report – Some Headlines

- Since 2019, child and infant mortality has declined by 9.7%.
- In 2025- 6 NWL convened 16 panels
  - reviewing 117 cases (37 fewer than 2024-5)
- Convened a JAR in 45% of cases
- The largest group of cases involved babies under 28 days.
- More than half of all cases involve peri natal or chromosomal events.
  - These cases have increased from 44% (2022) to 57% (2026)

More Headlines

- NWL has a higher proportion of children in its population than England as a whole.
- NWL is much more diverse than England, is roughly the same as London but has a significantly higher Asian / Asian British population.
- It has more deprived communities than London as a whole
  - Slightly more children die in deprived communities than in less deprived communities
- Since 2022 there has been significant ethnicity changes in cases reviewed with the proportion of Asian cases (up) , white (down) and mixed (up).


North West London child mortality: rolling 12-month rate
Rolling 12-month rate
Linear trend
First COVID year
Deaths per 100,000
0
5
10
15
20
25
30
2019
2020
2021
2022
2023
2024
2025
2026
Month ending

Population by age group, 2025

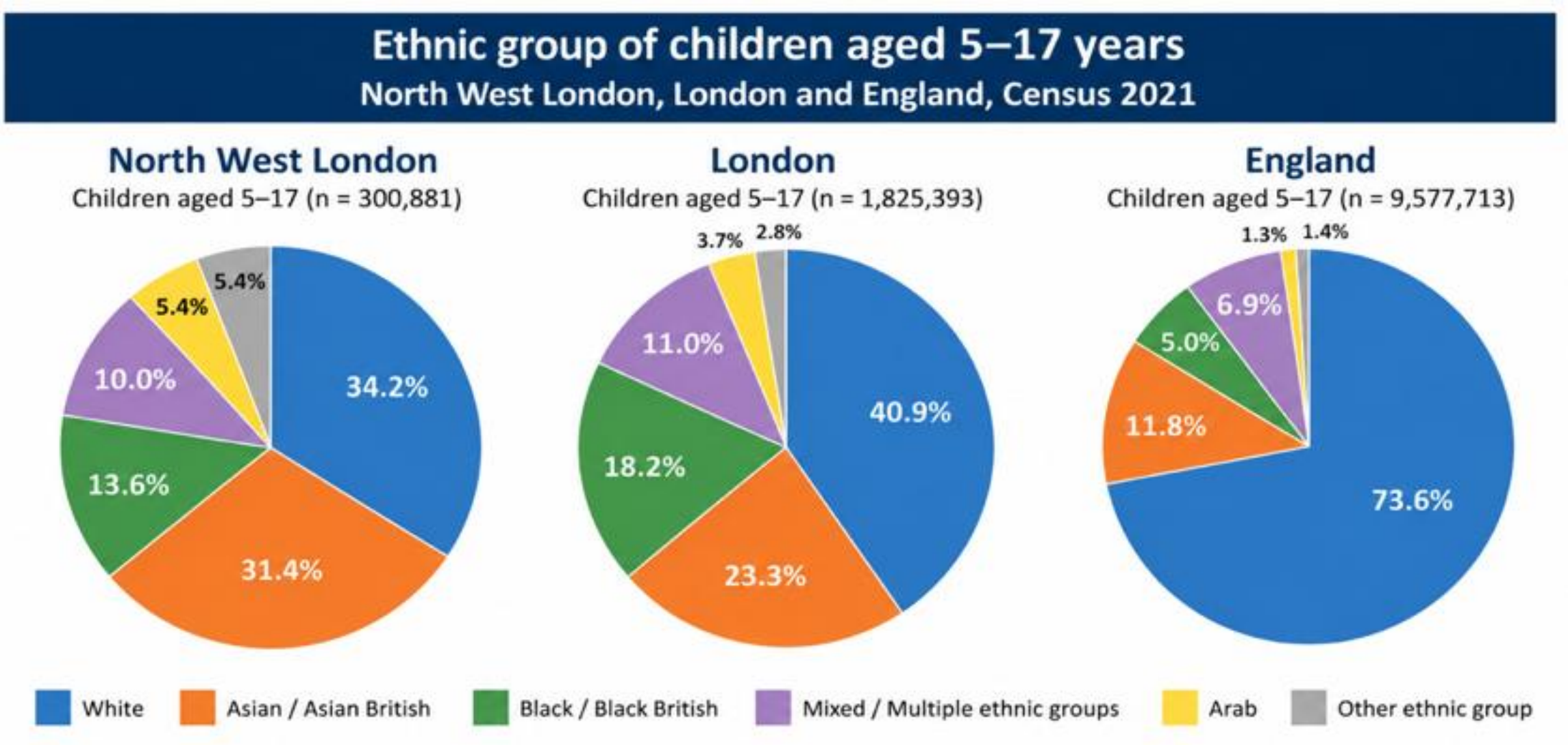
North West London, London and England

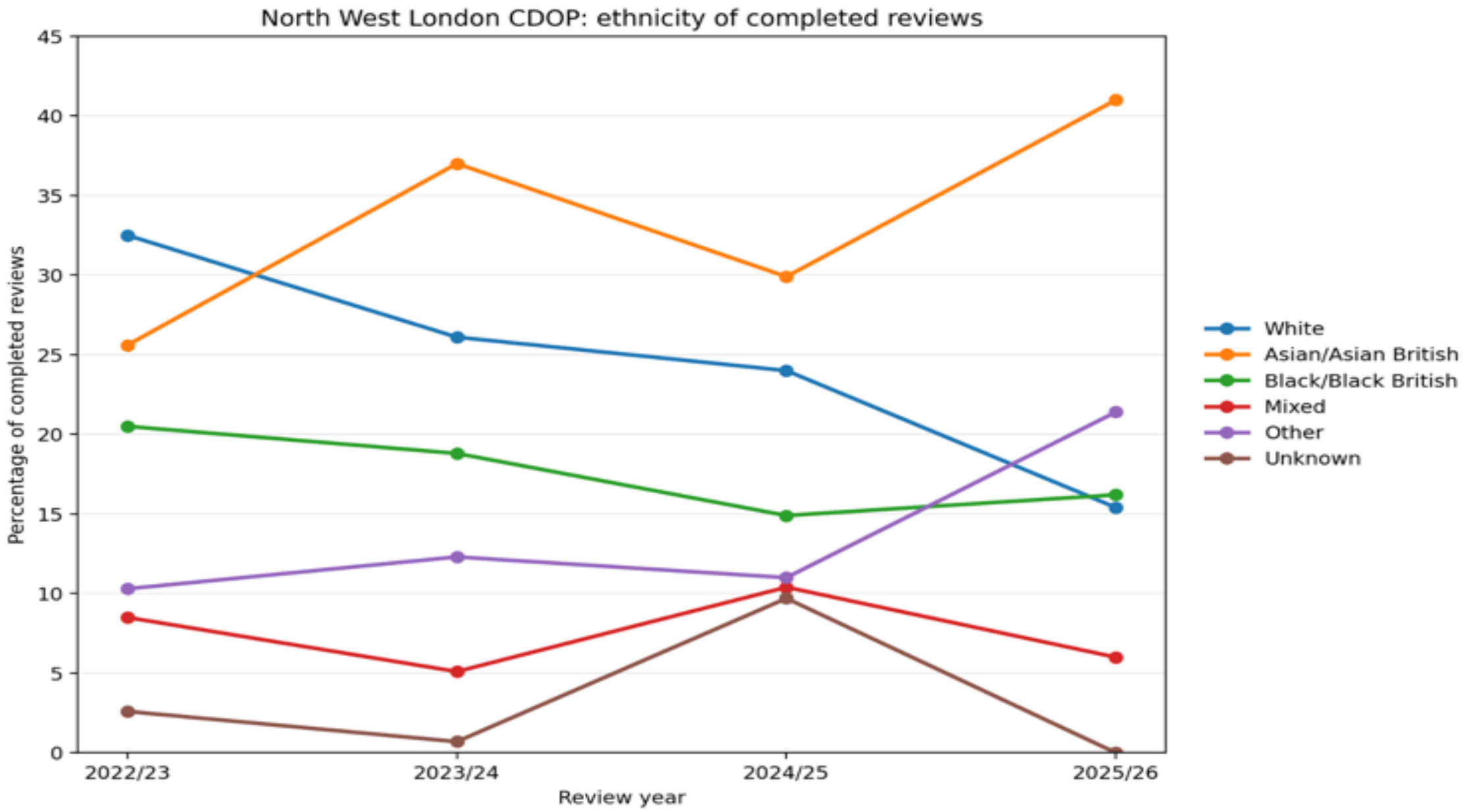
(percentage of total population)



Total % aged	19.3%	20.4%	17.9%

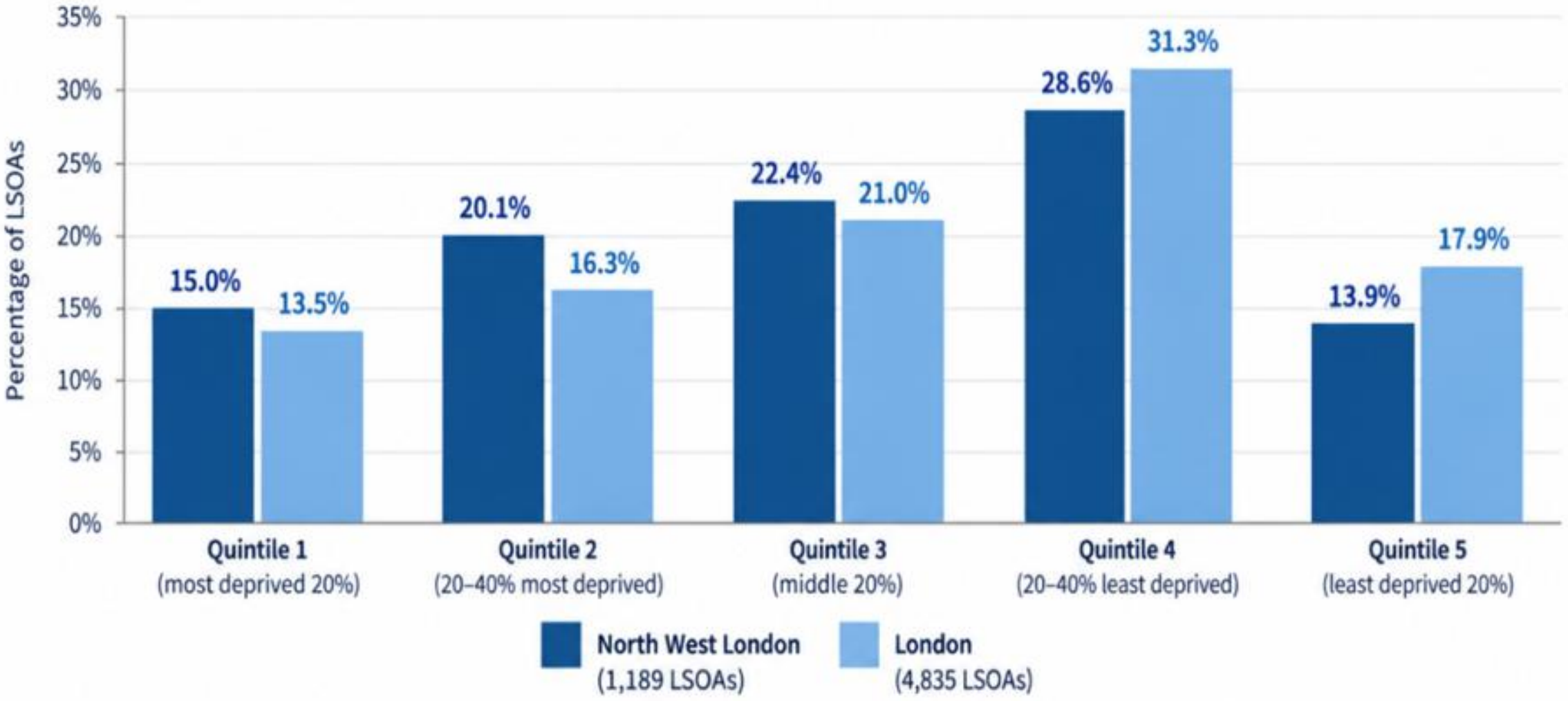
Race and Ethnicity



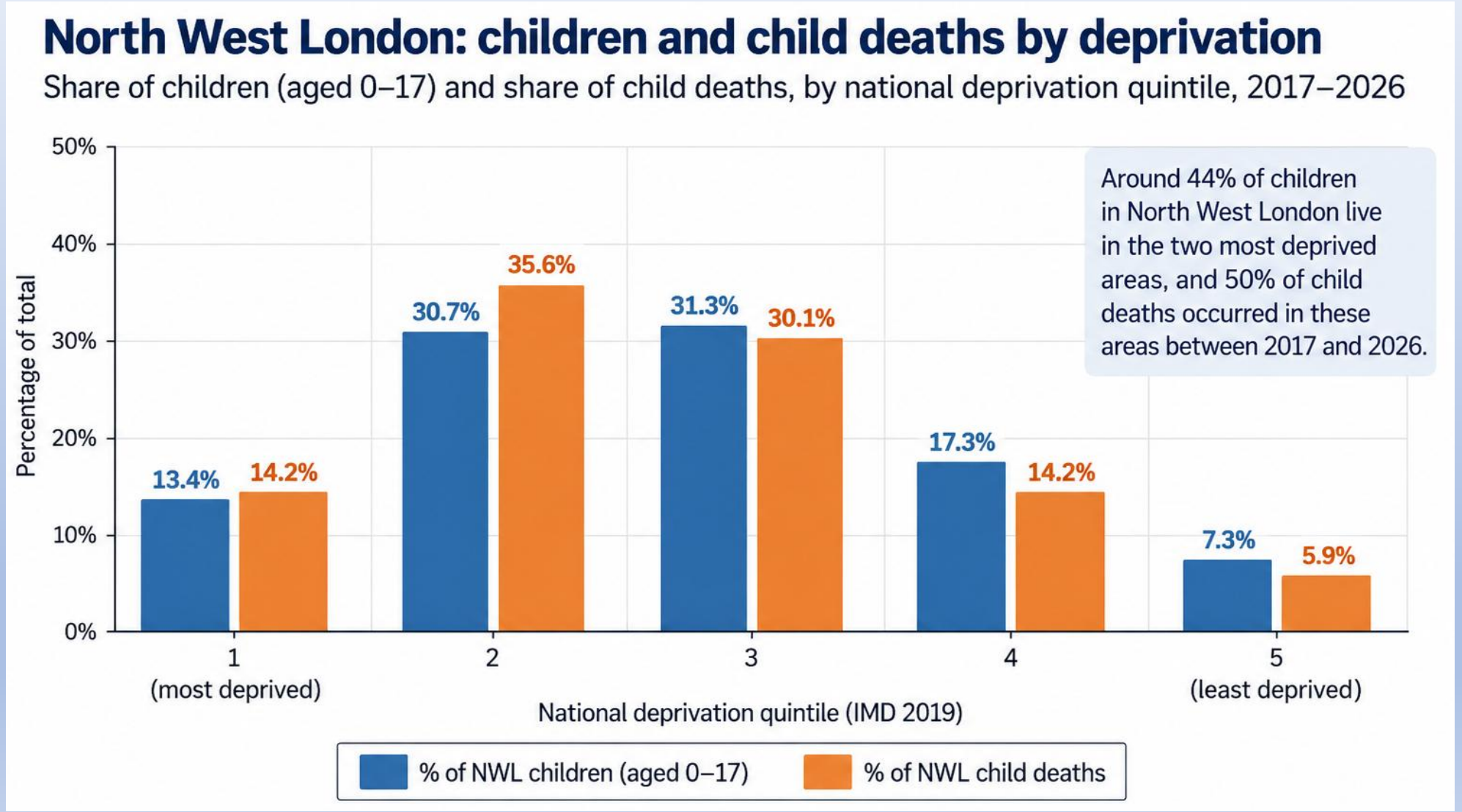

North West London CDOP: ethnicity of completed reviews
Percentage of completed reviews
45
40
35
30
25
20
15
10
5
0
2022/23
2023/24
2024/25
2025/26
Review year
White
Asian/Asian British
Black/Black British
Mixed
Other
Unknown

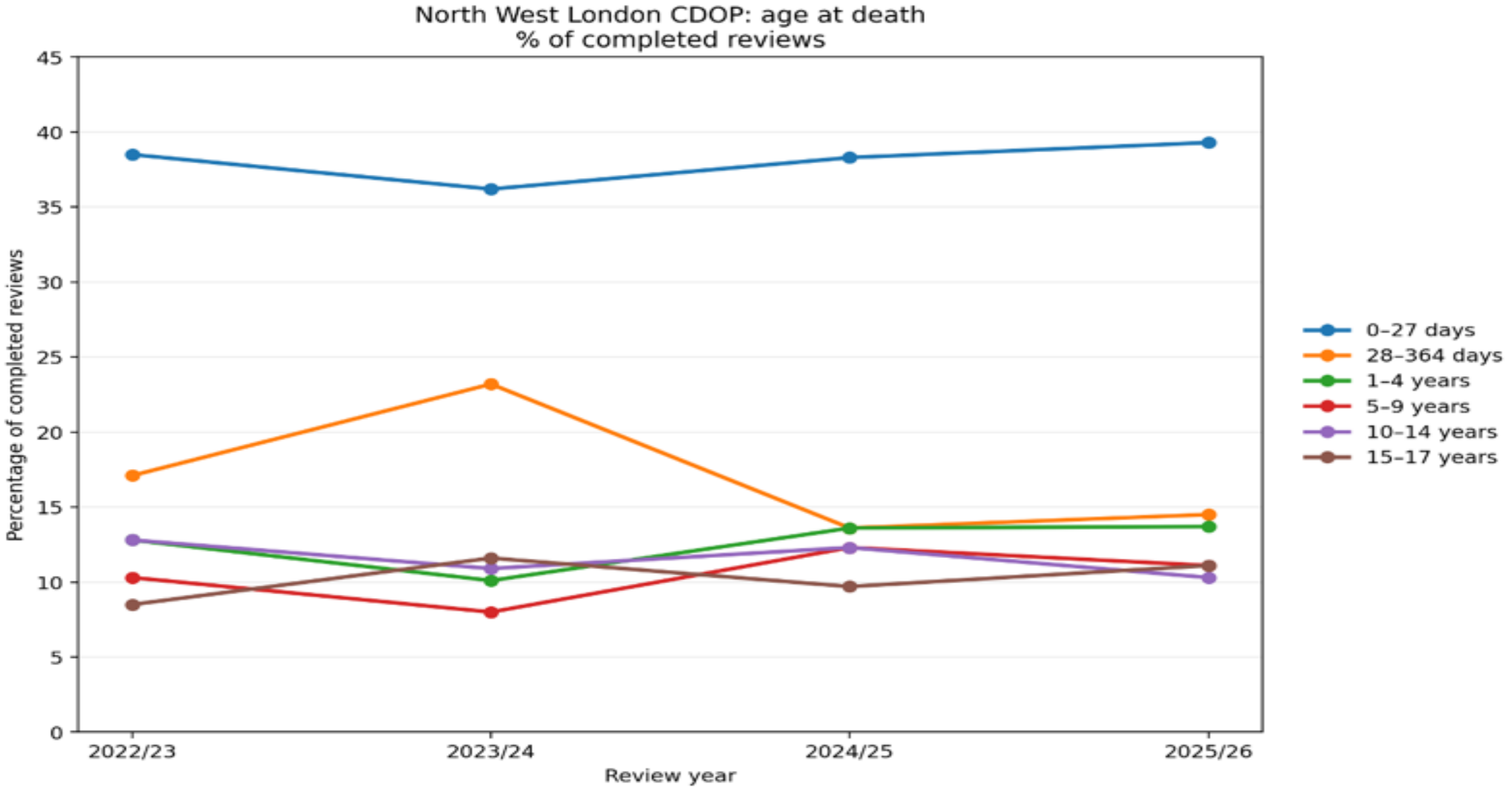
Deprivation in North West London compared with London

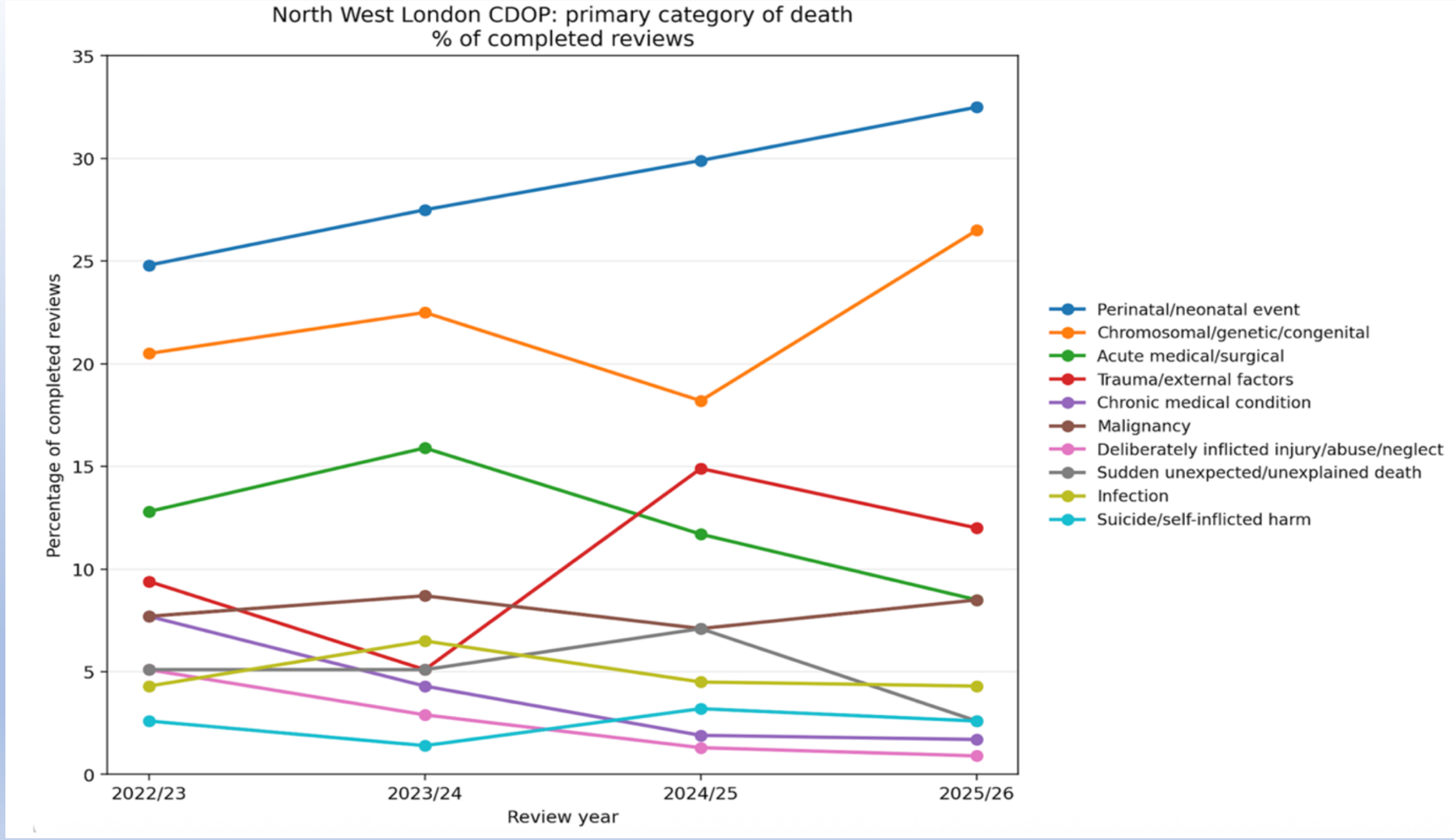
Proportion of Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in each national deprivation quintile, IMD 2025



Deprivation and Child Death



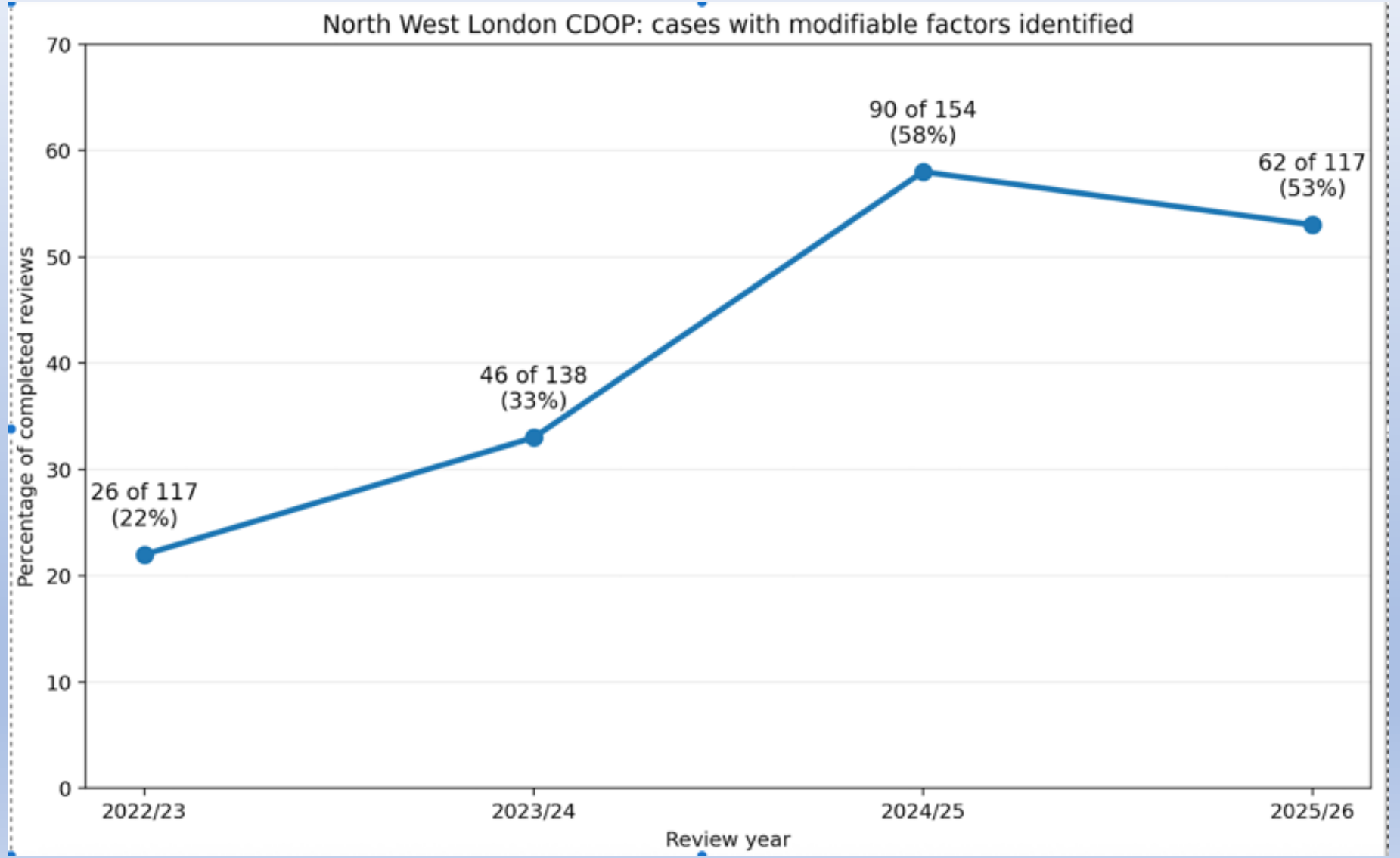

North West London CDOP: age at death
% of completed reviews
Percentage of completed reviews
45
40
35
30
25
20
15
10
5
0
2022/23
2023/24
2024/25
2025/26
Review year
0–27 days
28–364 days
1–4 years
5–9 years
10–14 years
15–17 years


North West London CDOP: primary category of death
% of completed reviews
Percentage of completed reviews
0
5
10
15
20
25
30
35
2022/23
2023/24
2024/25
2025/26
Review year
Perinatal/neonatal event
Chromosomal/genetic/congenital
Acute medical/surgical
Trauma/external factors
Chronic medical condition
Malignancy
Deliberately inflicted injury/abuse/neglect
Sudden unexpected/unexplained death
Infection
Suicide/self-inflicted harm

Completed CDOP Reviews by Local Authority			
Local Authority	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**
Westminster	17	10	14
Kensington and Chelsea	5	24	1
Hounslow	16	23	19
Hillingdon	22	20	16
Harrow	23	15	11
Hammersmith & Fulham	12	12	14
Ealing	22	27	17
Brent	21	23	25
Total	**138**	**154**	**117**

Year	Death Notifications	JARs Held	Percentage
2019-20	150	25	17%
2020-21	131	25	19%
2021-22	117	30	25%
2022-23	145	58	40%
2023-24	144	55	38%
2024-25	126	52	41%
2025-26	145	66	45%

Modifiable Factors



Some Findings from CDOP Neonatal Panels (7)

- CTG Monitoring
- Use of Interpreters
- Genetic Counselling
- Thermal Management



Medical and Palliative Panels (5)

- Communication with families.
- Healthcare engagement and treatment adherence.
- International treatment pathways and travel abroad.
- Advance care planning and RESPECT documentation.
- Supporting children with highly complex healthcare needs.



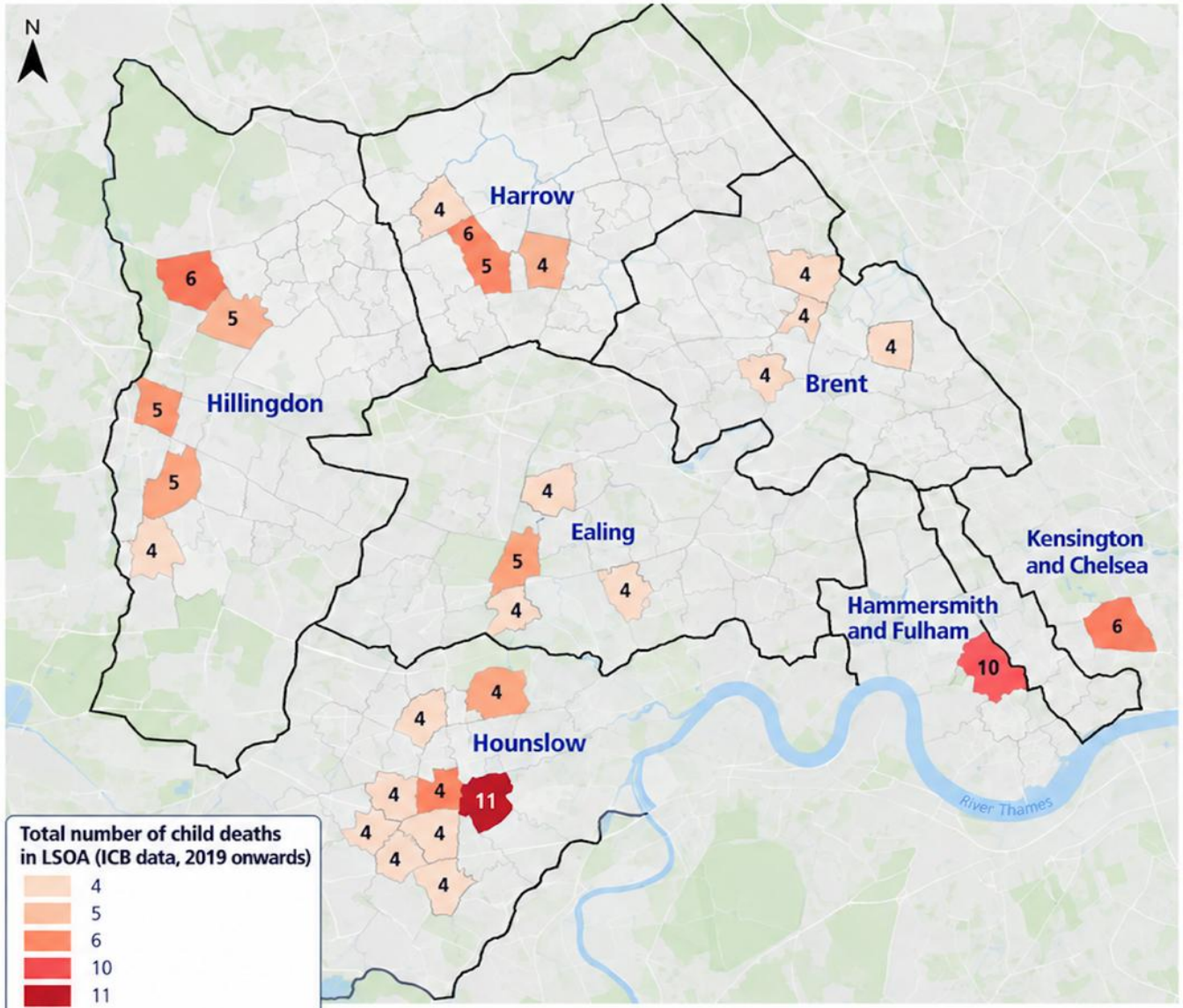
SUDIC and Trauma Panels (4)

- Child supervision and environmental safety.
- Safer sleep and injury prevention.
- Interpreter use and effective communication.
- Serious youth violence and exploitation.
- Multi-agency information sharing.
- Investigation processes following sudden and unexpected child deaths.



LSOAs in North West London with 4 or more child deaths

Total number of child deaths in each LSOA (NWL ICB data, 2019 onwards)



LSOA code	Borough	Child deaths
E01002681	Hounslow	11
E01001876	Hammersmith and Fulham	10
E01002529	Hillingdon	6
E01002912	Kensington and Chelsea	6
E01002650	Hounslow	6
E01002181	Harrow	6
E01002130	Harrow	6
E01002457	Hillingdon	5
E01002525	Hillingdon	5
E01002626	Hounslow	5
E01002238	Harrow	5
E01002401	Hillingdon	5
E01001366	Ealing	5
E01002662	Hounslow	4
E01002638	Hounslow	4
E01002615	Hounslow	4
E01002641	Hounslow	4
E01002620	Hounslow	4
E01002634	Hounslow	4
E01002629	Hounslow	4
E01002397	Hillingdon	4
E01002118	Harrow	4
E01001373	Ealing	4
E01000498	Brent	4
E01001215	Ealing	4
E01000549	Brent	4
E01001326	Ealing	4
E01000591	Brent	4
E01002114	Harrow	4
E01000633	Brent	4
E01002203	Harrow	4
E01000638	Brent	4
E01000477	Brent	4

Map shows Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in North West London with 4 or more recorded child deaths, based on North West London ICB data from 2019 onwards. Numbers indicate the total child deaths in each LSOA.

Source: North West London ICB child death data (2019 onwards) | LSOA boundaries: ONS, 2021 | Map produced for illustrative purposes only.