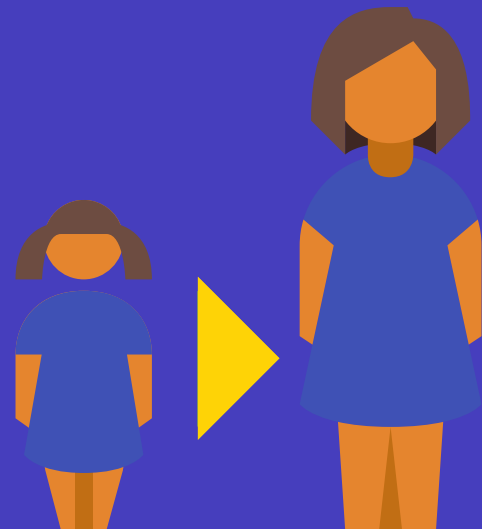


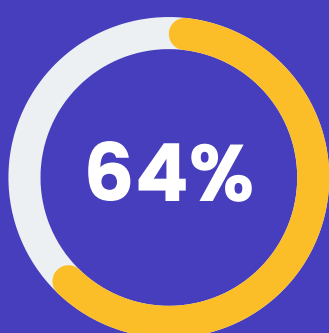
# How many young people with JIA continue to attend hospital appointments into adulthood?



Some children and young people with juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) go into remission in childhood and do not need to continue to see specialist like rheumatologist and ophthalmologists.

However many young people do continue to attend hospital appointments after the age of 18 and their care moves from a children's hospital into adult services.

We used data from General Practice (GP) records in England, to answer what proportion of young people go on to adult services and how long they attend adult specialist care for.



**CONTINUED TO ATTEND HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS OVER THE AGE OF 18**



**STOPPED ATTENDING HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 16**



Of those who continued to attend the hospital as an adult, 1 in 3 were then discharged or stopped attending in the following years, at an average age of 22.

## We found that young people who



**WERE OLDER WHEN THEY WERE FIRST DIAGNOSED WITH JIA**



**ALSO HAD EYE DISEASE**



**WERE FROM LESS DEPRIVED AREAS**

were more likely to continue to see the hospital specialists appointments as an adult.