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OUTCOME INDICATORS FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN: TWELVE MONTHS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2005, ENGLAND

National statistics providing figures on outcome indicators for looked after children in England were published today.

This release provides summary information that has been derived from statistical data supplied by the 150 local authorities in England. It covers all children and young people in England who had been looked after continuously for at least 12 months at 30 September.

KEY POINTS**Context**

- At 30 September 2005 there were 44,700 children who had been looked after continuously for at least twelve months by English local authorities. This compares to 45,000 at 30 September 2004.
- 34,800 of these children were of school age and of these 27% had SEN statements, 13% missed at least 25 days of school, and 1% received a permanent exclusion. These percentages were similar to last year.

Attainment

- On average 58% of those looked after children in the appropriate age group achieved level 2 at Key Stage 1, 44% achieved level 4 at Key Stage 2 and 27% achieved level 5 at Key Stage 3. The comparable percentages for all children were 86%, 80% and 73% respectively.
- The proportion of children continuously looked after for at least 12 months aged 11 and achieving at least level 4 at KS2 English and Maths was 52% of the proportion of all children. This compares with 51% and 49% in 2004 and 2003 respectively.
- In school year 11, 60% of looked after children obtained at least one GCSE or GNVQ compared with 96% of all school children. These figures are an improvement on 2004 and 2003 when the corresponding figures for looked after children were 56% and 53% respectively. 36% did not sit an examination of this type in 2005, compared with 41% in 2004 and 43% in 2003.
- 11% obtained at least 5 GCSEs (or equivalent) at grades A*- C compared with 56% of all children. These figures are slightly higher than last year when 9% obtained at least 5 GCSEs (or equivalent) at grades A*-C compared with 54% of all children. 25% of councils had at least 15% of their children achieving this level. This compares with 19% achieving this level in 2004.

Education and Employment at 16

- At the end of school year 11, 61% remained in full-time education compared to 75% of all school-leavers. 20% were unemployed the September after leaving school compared to 6% of all school-leavers. In 2004, 59% remained in full-time education compared to 73% for all school-leavers and 22% of children looked after were unemployed compared to 6% of all school-leavers.

Cautions and Convictions

- 9% of these looked after children aged 10 or over, were cautioned or convicted for an offence during the year, almost 3 times the rate for all children of this age. This rate has been similar over the past 3 years.

Health Outcomes

- 77% of these looked after children immunisations were up to date, 82% had a dental check, and 80% had an annual health assessment. This is an improvement on 2004, when the equivalent figures were 73%, 79% and 77% respectively.

Notes to Editors

1. The 2005 figures on outcome indicators for looked after children in England are the latest in a regular series. Data are collected on the OC2 statistical return, which provides the Department of Education and Skills with aggregate data on the outcomes of all children and young people in England who had been looked after continuously for at least 12 months at 30 September.

2. The figures presented for the year ending 30 September 2005 are based on data provided by all 150 Local Authorities.

3. The following notification is depicted as follows.

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Table A Number of children looked after at 30 September 2003 to 2005 who had been looked after continuously for at least twelve months, and general information about education

	England								
	looked after children						all children		
	number			percentages ¹			percentages ²		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
Number of children looked after at 30 Sept. who had been looked after for at least twelve months	44,900	45,000	44,700	.	.	.	.	.	.
and of these:									
Number eligible for full-time schooling	35,100	35,300	34,800	.	.	.	.	.	.
and of these:									
Number with a statement of special educational needs	9,400	9,700	9,500	26.8	27.4	27.3	3.0	3.0	2.9
Number of permanent exclusions from school ³	380	320	310	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Number who missed at least 25 days of school ^{4,5}	4,400	4,300	4,400	12.4	12.3	12.6	..	..	..

¹ Expressed as a percentage of the number eligible for full-time schooling.

² Source: DfES statistical bulletins: 'Statistics of Education: Special Educational Needs in England: January 2005 (provisional)', and 'Permanent Exclusions from Schools in England 2004-05 (provisional estimates)'.

³ If a child was permanently excluded more than once in the previous school year, each occasion has been counted.

⁴ Performance Assessment Framework Indicator C24: The percentage of children who had been looked after continuously for at least 12 months and were of school age, who missed a total of at least 25 days during the previous school year of schooling for any reason.

⁵ Figures on this basis are not collected by DfES for all children.

Table B Eligibility and performance of looked after children in Key Stages, compared with all children, twelve months ending 30 September 2003 to 2005

	England								
	looked after children						all children ¹		
	numbers			percentages			percentages		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
YEAR 2									
Number eligible to sit Key Stage 1 tasks and tests ¹	1,900	1,900	1,700	.	.	.	.	.	.
Numbers achieving at least Level 2 ² in the following:									
Reading ³	970	1,100	980	50.8	54.4	57.2	84	85	85
Writing	930	940	890	48.5	48.3	51.8	81	82	82
Mathematics	1,200	1,200	1,100	61.0	63.5	64.4	90	90	91
YEAR 6									
Number eligible to sit Key Stage 2 tasks and tests	3,000	2,900	2,900	.	.	.	.	.	.
Number who attained at least Level 4 ² in the following:									
English	1,100	1,200	1,200	37.1	39.9	42.1	75	77	79
Mathematics	1,000	1,100	1,100	34.8	37.2	37.6	73	74	75
Science	1,600	1,600	1,600	52.9	53.0	53.4	87	86	86
YEAR 9									
Number eligible to sit Key Stage 3 tasks and tests	3,800	4,000	4,000	.	.	.	.	.	.
Number who attained at least Level 5 ² in the following:									
English	850	900	1,100	22.3	22.5	26.7	69	71	74
Mathematics	890	1,000	1,100	23.3	25.8	28.3	71	73	74
Science	890	830	1,000	23.2	20.8	25.9	68	66	70

¹ Source: DfES statistical first release 'National curriculum assessments of 7, 11 and 14 year olds in England - 2005 (Provisional)' Includes all schools.
For looked after children and all children, figures for KS1 in 2003 are based on task/test results.
In 2004, KS1 figures are a result of combining task/test for non trial schools and teacher assessment for trial schools.
In 2005, All KS1 figures are based on teacher assessments.

² Target level for age group.

³ The 'all children' Key stage 1 Reading task/test is derived by adding the pupils achieving level 2 in the reading task and level 3 in the reading comprehensive test.

Table C GCSE performance or equivalents of looked after children in Year 11 compared with all children, school years ending 30 September 2003 to 2005

England	numbers and percentages								
	looked after children						all children ¹		
	numbers			percentages ²			percentages		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005 ³
Number in Year 11	4,600	4,800	4,700	.	.	.	.	.	.
Number who sat at least one GCSE or GNVQ	2,600	2,900	3,000	56.8	59.1	64.0	96	97	98
Number who obtained at least:									
1 GCSE at grade A* to G or a GNVQ	2,400	2,700	2,900	52.9	56.1	60.2	95	96	96
5 GCSEs (or equivalent) at grade A* to G	1,700	1,900	1,900	36.8	39.4	40.7	89	89	89
5 GCSEs (or equivalent) at grade A* to C	400	450	510	8.7	9.4	10.8	53	54	56

¹ Source: DfES statistical bulletin: GCSE/GNVQ and GCE A/AS/VCE/Advanced GNVQ Examination Results 2004-05 - England. Issued January 2006 (Provisional). Includes all schools.

² Expressed as a percentage of all looked after children in Year 11.

³ For 2005, "all children" results include level 1 and level 2 equivalencies

Table D Education and employment status at 30 September 2005 of looked after children in Year 11 in 2004-05 school year, compared with all children

Government Office Region		total number of children in Year 11 in 2004-05 school year	position at 30 September 2005, shown as a percentage of the total						unemployed	
			full-time education	full-time training	full-time employment with planned training	full-time employment with no planned training	part-time employment, education, or training	a result of ill-health or disability	other reason	
ENGLAND	looked after	4,700	61	8	2	2	7	1	19	
	all children^{1,2}	619,200	75	6	4	3	1	6		
NORTH EAST	looked after	200	52	12	-	3	6	-	23	
	all children ^{1,2}	33,000	71	11	3	2	1	8		
NORTH WEST	looked after	680	54	11	3	3	8	-	20	
	all children ^{1,2}	93,200	73	9	5	2	1	6		
YORKS & THE HUMBERS	looked after	450	51	12	3	3	7	-	22	
	all children ^{1,2}	64,400	71	8	6	3	1	7		
EAST MIDLANDS	looked after	290	56	6	2	2	6	-	27	
	all children ^{1,2}	54,200	75	6	5	3	1	5		
WEST MIDLANDS	looked after	520	59	9	4	-	5	-	22	
	all children ^{1,2}	69,400	74	8	3	3	1	7		
EAST	looked after	400	62	8	4	-	5	3	17	
	all children ^{1,2}	68,800	77	4	6	2	1	6		
LONDON	looked after	1,210	71	4	1	1	6	1	15	
	all children ^{1,2}	79,400	80	3	1	2	1	5		
SOUTH EAST	looked after	660	67	5	1	2	5	1	18	
	all children ^{1,2}	95,000	78	4	4	2	1	5		
SOUTH WEST	looked after	350	59	9	2	2	11	-	16	
	all children ^{1,2}	61,700	76	6	4	4	1	4		

¹ Source: The Connexions/Careers Service Annual Activity Survey 2005. Covers all young people who were in year 11 during the school year ending August 2005, and is based on a survey carried out during October 2005.

² Percentages for 'all children' do not sum to 100 because the Connexions/Career Service Survey included an additional category of 'moved away' 'no response' and 'refused to participate', which is not relevant to looked after children.

A dash (-) indicates a small number suppressed to preserve confidentiality. Normally this will be a number between 1 and 5 inclusive, or a percentage where either the numerator is between 1 and 5 or the denominator is between 1 and 10 inclusive

Table E Offending by looked after children, twelve months ending 30 September 2003 to 2005

England	numbers and percentages											
	looked after						all children ¹			PAF Indicator C18 ²		
	number			percentage			percentages					
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
Number of children looked after for at least twelve months	44,900	45,000	44,700	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Number of children aged 10 or older at 30 September	29,100	29,800	30,400	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Number convicted or subject to a final warning or reprimand during the year	2,800	2,800	2,800	9.5	9.3	9.3	3.3	3.3	3.7	2.9	2.8	2.5

¹ Data for all children are from Home Office, and are for calendar years ending 31 December 2002 to 2004, expressed as a percentage of all children aged 10-17.

² The proportion of children (aged 10 or over) who had been looked after continuously for at least 12 months, who were convicted or subject to a final warning or reprimand during the year for an offence committed whilst they were looked after, expressed as a ratio of the proportion of all children and young people convicted or subject to a final warning or reprimand for an offence in the police force area.

Table F Health care of looked after children, twelve months ending 30 September 2003 to 2005

England	numbers and percentages									
	number			percentage			PAF Indicator C19 ¹			
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	
number of children looked after for at least one year	44,900	45,000	44,700	.	.	.	.	.	.
of these:										
number whose immunisations were up to date	32,300	33,000	34,200	71.9	73.3	76.5				
number who had their teeth checked by a dentist	33,800	35,400	36,800	75.3	78.8	82.3	}	75.2	77.9	81.3
number who had their annual health assessment	33,700	34,700	35,900	75.0	77.1	80.2				
number of children looked after for at least one year, and aged 5 or younger at 30 September:	7,100	7,000	6,700	.	.	.	.	.	.
of these:										
number whose development assessments were up to date	5,700	5,700	5,800	80.7	81.5	86.2	.	.	.	

¹ The average of the percentages of children looked after at 30 September who had been looked after continuously for at least 12 months, who had their teeth checked by a dentist during the previous 12 months, and had an annual health assessment during the previous 12 months. In previous years this indicator also included immunisations. The figures shown here reflect the revised definition.