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CHILDREN ACCOMMODATED IN SECURE CHILDREN'S HOMES, YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2007, ENGLAND AND WALES

INTRODUCTION

In England and Wales there are three types of secure accommodation in which children and young people can be placed. These are Secure Training Centres, Young Offender Institutions and Secure Children's Homes. This Statistical First Release provides figures on children accommodated in secure children's homes. Information has been derived from statistical data reported to the Department by all secure children's homes in England and Wales that were open at 31 March 2007. To protect the identity of children placed in these establishments, figures have been rounded and suppressed.

KEY POINTS

Overview

- 305 children were accommodated in secure children's homes in England and Wales at 31 March 2007 – 290 in England and 15 in Wales. This represents a fall of 3% on the 2006 total of 315.
- The number of secure children's homes, open at 31 March 2007, in England and Wales has remained the same as last year. However, there has been a steady decrease since 2003 when there were 29 homes open, 28 in 2004, 24 in 2005 and 22 in 2006.

Places approved / children accommodated

- At 31 March 2007, there were 390 approved places in the 22 secure children's homes open in England and Wales, which was very similar to the position in 2006.
- 78% of approved places were occupied, compared with 81% in 2006 and 91% in 2005.
- Of the total number of children accommodated 68% were boys and 32% girls, compared with 64% and 36% in 2006.
- Of those accommodated at 31 March 2007 around 82% of children had been accommodated for less than 6 months, 13% for between 6 and 12 months and 5% for longer.

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The 2007 figures for children accommodated in secure children's homes are the latest in a regular series. Data are collected on the SA1 statistical return, which provides the Department for Children, Schools and Families with aggregate data on children accommodated in secure children's homes in England and Wales.
2. The figures presented for the year ending 31 March 2007 are based on data reported by the 22 secure children's homes that were open at this time. Redbank children's home has three units (Vardy, Willow and Newton House) but is counted as a single home, in the 2005 SFR each unit was counted in the total count of homes. St John's Tiffield secure children's home closed in April 2007, but since this was after the survey date figures for St John's Tiffield are included in this SFR.
3. In addition to those accommodated in secure homes, Home Office figures show that at 31 March 2007 there were 2,415 15-17 year olds held in juvenile establishments in the prison estate in England and Wales, an increase of 3% on the 2006 figure of 2,345. There were a further 240 10-17 year olds in secure training centres, an increase of 4% from March 2006.
4. In 2007 'type of placement' was introduced to the survey to replace 'legal status'. This simplification should ease the burden on providers and help ensure accurate returns. For reference, earlier 'legal status' figures can be found in the previous SFR at <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/SFR/s000675/index.shtml>
5. All figures have been rounded to the nearest 5. Numbers from 1-5 inclusive (before rounding) have been suppressed and are shown as crosses. Percentages are shown rounded to whole numbers but where the numerator was five or less or the denominator was 10 or less, they have been suppressed and replaced by a cross. Where a percentage is zero because the number from which that percentage has been calculated is a zero, the percentage is shown as zero.
6. Symbols used:

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Table A1: Places approved and children accommodated in secure children's homes at 31 March by sex, age, length of stay and by current legal status, 2002-2007, England and Wales (numbers and percentages).

Table A2: Places approved and children accommodated at 31 March 2007 by individual secure children's homes, England and Wales (numbers).

Table B1: Places approved and children accommodated in secure children's homes at 31 March by sex, age, length of stay and current legal status, 1996-2007, England only (numbers).

Table B2: Children accommodated in secure children's homes at 31 March by sex, age, length of stay and by current legal status, 1996-2007, England only (percentages).

Table A1 Places approved and children accommodated in secure children's homes at 31 March by sex, age, length of stay and by type of placement, 2003-2007, England and Wales

England and Wales	numbers					percentages				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
At 31 March										
Places approved/available	445	450	400	390	390	.	.	.	.	.
Children accommodated	420	420	365	315	305	100	100	100	100	100
Occupancy rate (%)	.	.	.	.	.	94	93	91	81	78
Places contracted to Youth Justice Board	245	285	235	235	235	55	63	58	60	61
Sex										
Male	285	280	230	205	205	68	67	64	64	68
Female	135	135	135	110	95	32	33	36	36	32
Age										
Aged under 12	x	5	10	x	x	x	2	2	x	x
Aged 12	15	25	20	10	x	4	6	5	3	x
Aged 13	65	60	45	40	35	15	15	12	13	12
Aged 14	125	135	125	105	100	29	32	35	33	33
Aged 15	135	110	105	90	95	32	26	29	29	31
Aged 16	65	65	55	50	60	16	16	15	16	19
Aged 17	10	15	5	15	10	3	4	2	4	3
Aged 18 and over	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	x	0	0
Length of stay										
Under 1 month	105	95	95	90	90	25	22	26	29	30
1 to < 3 months	130	135	120	90	95	31	33	33	28	31
3 to < 6 months	70	110	85	75	65	16	27	24	24	22
6 to < 12 months	90	50	45	45	40	22	12	13	15	13
12 to < 24 months	25	20	15	10	15	6	5	5	4	5
24 months or more	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Type of Placement										
Child detained or sentenced and placed by the Youth Justice Board	..	..	..	..	190	..	..	..	..	63
Child placed by local authority in a criminal justice context	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	10
Child placed by local authority on welfare grounds	80	27

Source: DCSF SA1 Survey

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Numbers have been rounded to the nearest 5

**Table A2 Places approved and children accommodated at 31 March 2007
by individual secure children's home**

England and Wales

numbers, percentages

Name of secure children's home	Number of places approved	Number of children accommodated	Occupancy rate (%)
All Units	390	305	78
Beechfield	5	x	x
St Catherines	15	x	x
Atkinson Unit	15	15	81
Swanwick Lodge	15	15	88
Clare Lodge / Salters	15	10	75
Gladstone House / Dyson Hall	20	15	89
Leverton Hall	15	10	75
Lansdowne	x	x	x
Aldine House	10	10	x
Lincolnshire	10	5	x
Watling House	10	x	x
Orchard Lodge	25	20	83
Redbank	30	25	90
Sutton Place	10	10	x
Barton Moss	20	20	95
Kyloe House	10	10	100
Clayfields House	20	15	94
Tiffield St Johns	15	x	x
Vinney Green	25	20	91
Aycliffe Centre	45	30	70
East Moor	35	30	86
Neath Hillside	20	15	83

Source: DCSF SA1 Survey 2006/2007

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Redbank includes secure children's homes Newton House, Vardy House and Willows House

Table B1 Places approved and children accommodated in secure children's homes at 31 March, by sex, age, length of stay and by current legal status, 1997-2007, England only

England	numbers										
At 31 March	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Places approved/available	330	415	435	435	430	425	425	435	385	370	370
Children accommodated	280	335	325	365	375	395	400	400	345	300	290
Occupancy rate (%)	85	80	75	84	87	93	94	92	90	80	78
Places contracted to Youth Justice Board	.	.	.	.	255	235	230	270	220	220	220
Sex											
Male	235	275	230	265	285	285	275	270	215	190	195
Female	45	60	95	100	90	115	125	130	130	105	90
Age											
Aged under 12	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	5	10	x	x
Aged 12	x	15	15	20	x	x	15	25	20	10	x
Aged 13	25	35	40	40	45	65	65	60	40	40	35
Aged 14	70	90	90	100	110	105	120	130	120	100	95
Aged 15	100	110	105	115	105	125	125	100	100	90	90
Aged 16	55	60	60	70	80	70	65	60	50	45	55
Aged 17	20	15	x	15	15	20	x	15	5	10	5
Aged 18 and over	x	x	0	x	0	0	0	0	x	0	0
Length of stay											
Under 1 month	60	80	80	90	85	90	100	90	90	85	85
1 to < 3 months	85	95	95	120	120	130	120	130	115	85	90
3 to < 6 months	60	60	70	75	90	90	65	110	85	70	65
6 to < 12 months	50	60	55	60	50	65	90	50	45	45	35
12 to < 24 months	x	30	x	x	30	x	x	20	15	10	15
24 months or more	x	10	x	x	5	x	x	x	x	x	x
Type of Placement											
Child detained or sentenced and placed by the Youth Justice Board	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	180
Child placed by local authority in a criminal justice context	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
Child placed by local authority on welfare grounds	75

Source: DCSF SA1 Survey

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Table B2 Children accommodated in secure children's homes at 31 March by sex, age, length of stay and by current legal status, 1997-2007, England only

England											percentages
At 31 March	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Children accommodated	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Places contracted to Youth Justice Board	.	.	.	.	59	55	54	62	58	59	60
Sex											
Male	84	82	71	72	76	71	69	67	63	64	68
Female	16	18	29	28	24	29	31	33	37	36	32
Age											
Aged under 12	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	2	3	x	x
Aged 12	x	4	5	5	x	x	4	6	5	3	x
Aged 13	9	11	13	10	12	16	16	15	12	14	12
Aged 14	25	27	27	28	30	27	30	33	35	34	33
Aged 15	35	x	33	x	27	32	31	25	29	29	31
Aged 16	20	18	18	19	21	17	16	15	14	15	18
Aged 17	7	5	x	4	5	5	x	4	2	4	2
Aged 18 and over	x	x	0	x	0	0	0	0	x	0	0
Length of stay											
Under 1 month	21	23	25	25	22	22	25	22	25	29	29
1 to < 3 months	30	29	30	33	31	32	30	33	33	28	30
3 to < 6 months	22	19	21	20	24	22	16	27	24	23	23
6 to < 12 months	17	18	16	16	13	17	22	12	13	15	12
12 to < 24 months	9	9	6	4	8	5	x	5	5	4	5
24 months or more	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Type of Placement											
Child detained or sentenced and placed by the Youth Justice Board	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63
Child placed by local authority in a criminal justice context	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Child placed by local authority on welfare grounds	27

Source: DCSF SA1 Survey

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