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OUTCOME INDICATORS FOR CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER: TWELVE MONTHS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007, ENGLAND

Introduction

This Statistical First 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 2007.

KEY POINTS

Context

- At 30 September 2007 there were 44,200 children who had been looked after continuously for at least twelve months by English local authorities. This is the same figure as at 30 September 2006.
- 33,600 of these children were of school age and of these 28% had SEN statements, 13% missed at least 25 days of school, and 1% received a permanent exclusion.

Attainment

- On average 56% of those children looked after in the appropriate age group achieved level 2 at Key Stage 1, 49% achieved level 4 at Key Stage 2 and 30% achieved level 5 at Key Stage 3. The comparable percentages for all children were 85%, 82% and 74% respectively.
- 46% of children looked after continuously for at least 12 months aged 11 in 2007 achieved at least level 4 at KS2 English. This figure compares to 43% in 2006 and 42% in 2005.
- 43% of children looked after continuously for at least 12 months who were in year 11 in 2007 achieved level 4 in maths at Key Stage 2. The corresponding percentage for 2006 was 41% and in 2005 38%.
- In school year 11, 64% of children looked after obtained at least one GCSE or GNVQ compared with 99% of all school children. These figures are an improvement on 2006 and 2005 when the corresponding figures for children looked after were 63% and 60% respectively. 32% did not sit an examination of this type in 2007, compared with 34% in 2006 and 36% in 2005.
- 13% obtained at least 5 GCSEs (or equivalent) at grades A*- C compared with 62% of all children. These figures are slightly higher than last year when 12% obtained at least 5 GCSEs (or equivalent) at grades A*-C compared with 59% of all children.

Education and Employment at 16

- At the end of school year 11, 66% remained in full-time education compared to 80% of all school-leavers. 17% were unemployed the September after leaving school compared to 5% of all school-leavers. In 2006, 64% remained in full-time education compared to 78% for all school-leavers and 20% of children looked after were unemployed compared to 5% of all school-leavers.

Cautions and Convictions

- 9.5% of those children looked after aged 10 or over, were cautioned or convicted for an offence during the year, just over two times the rate for all children of this age. This rate has been similar over the past 2 years.

Health Outcomes

- 80% of these children's immunisations were up to date, 86% had a dental check, and 84% had an annual health assessment. This is an improvement on 2006, when the equivalent figures were 80%, 85% and 83% respectively.

Substance Misuse

- 5% of those children looked after were identified as having a substance misuse problem during the year, of which 62% received an intervention for their problem during the year.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The 2007 figures on outcome indicators for children looked after in England are the latest in a regular series. Data are collected on the OC2 statistical return, which provides the Department for Children, Schools and Families 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 2007 are based on data provided by all 150 Local Authorities.

3. The following notification is depicted as follows.

4. Further analysis, along with information on the rounding and suppression used in the tables, can be found in the commentary, also available on the website.

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Table A: Number of children looked after at 30 September who had been looked after continuously for at least twelve months, and general information about education
Years: 2005-2007
Coverage: England

	numbers and percentages								
	children looked after						all children		
	number			percentages ¹			percentages ²		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
Number of children looked after at 30 Sept. who had been looked after for at least twelve months	44,700	44,200	44,200	.	.	.	.	.	.
and of these:									
Number eligible for full-time schooling	34,800	34,400	33,600	.	.	.	.	.	.
and of these:									
Number with a statement of special educational needs	9,500	9,500	9,300	27.3	27.6	27.6	2.9	2.9	2.8
Number of permanent exclusions from school ³	310	280	220	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Number who missed at least 25 days of school ^{4,5}	4,400	4,600	4,400	12.6	13.4	13.0	..	..	..

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

2. Source: DCSF Statistical First Releases: 'Special Educational Needs in England: January 2007', and 'Permanent and Fixed Period Exclusions from Schools and Exclusion Appeals in England 2005/06'.

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 DCSF for all children.

**Table B: Eligibility and performance of children looked after continuously for at least 12 months in Key Stages 1-3, compared with all children, year ending 30 September
Years: 2005-2007
Coverage: England**

	numbers and percentages								
	children looked after						all children ¹		
	number			percentages			percentages		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
KEY STAGE 1									
Number eligible to sit Key Stage 1 tasks and tests ¹	1,700	1,700	1,500	.	.	.	.	.	.
Numbers achieving at least Level 2 ² in the following:									
Reading	980	980	850	57.2	57.3	55.1	85	84	84
Writing	890	890	780	51.8	51.6	50.7	82	81	80
Mathematics	1,100	1,100	980	64.4	64.6	63.6	91	90	90
KEY STAGE 2									
Number eligible to sit Key Stage 2 tasks and tests	2,900	2,800	2,700	.	.	.	.	.	.
Number who attained at least Level 4 ² in the following:									
English	1,200	1,200	1,200	42.1	42.8	45.9	79	79	80
Mathematics	1,100	1,200	1,200	37.6	40.9	43.4	75	76	77
Science	1,600	1,600	1,600	53.4	57.2	58.8	86	87	88
KEY STAGE 3									
Number eligible to sit Key Stage 3 tasks and tests	4,000	4,000	4,100	.	.	.	.	.	.
Level 5 ² in the following:									
English	1,100	1,100	1,200	26.7	28.1	29.2	74	73	74
Mathematics	1,100	1,300	1,200	28.3	32.5	30.7	74	77	76
Science	1,000	1,200	1,200	25.9	29.4	29.2	70	72	73

1. Source: DCSF Statistical First Releases 'National Curriculum Assessments at Key Stage 1 in England, 2007', 'National Curriculum Assessments at Key Stage 2 in England, 2007 (Revised)', and 'National Curriculum Assessments at Key Stage 3 in England, 2007 (Revised)'. Includes all schools. All KS1 figures are based on teacher assessments.
2. Target level for age group.

Table C: GCSE performance or equivalents of children looked after continuously for at least 12 months in Year 11 compared with all children, year ending 30 September
Years: 2005-2007
Coverage: England

	children looked after						numbers and percentages		
	number			percentages ³			all children ^{1,2}		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
Number in Year 11	4,700	5,100	5,100	.	.	.	.	.	.
Number who sat at least one GCSE or GNVQ	3,000	3,300	3,400	64.0	65.6	67.7	98.8	98.5	99.5
Number who obtained at least:									
1 GCSE at grade A* to G or a GNVQ	2,900	3,200	3,200	60.2	63.2	63.7	97.4	97.8	98.9
5 GCSEs (or equivalent) at grade A* to G	1,900	2,100	2,200	40.7	41.4	43.1	90.2	90.5	91.7
5 GCSEs (or equivalent) at grade A* to C	510	600	640	10.8	11.8	12.6	57.1	59.2	62.0

1. Source: DCSF Statistical First Release 'GCSE and Equivalent Examination Results in England 2006/07 (Revised)'. Figures based on pupils at the end of Key Stage 4 in all schools.

2. "All children" results include level 1 and level 2 equivalencies.

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

Table D: Education and employment status at 30 September of children looked after continuously for at least 12 months in Year 11 in 2006-07 school year, compared with all children
Year: 2007
Coverage: England

Government Office Region		total number of children in year 11 in 2006-07 school year	position at 30 September 2007, 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	5,100	66	7	2	2	6	1	16
	all children ^{1,2}	636,000	80	6	3	2	1	5	
NORTH EAST	looked after	260	61	11	4	-	5	-	16
	all children ^{1,2}	34,400	76	9	3	1	1	6	
NORTH WEST	looked after	770	57	10	3	2	8	1	19
	all children ^{1,2}	95,800	77	9	3	2	1	6	
YORKS AND THE HUMBER	looked after	500	62	9	3	-	5	-	18
	all children ^{1,2}	66,300	76	8	4	3	1	5	
EAST MIDLANDS	looked after	310	54	10	3	-	9	-	22
	all children ^{1,2}	56,800	78	7	4	2	1	4	
WEST MIDLANDS	looked after	590	69	7	1	2	4	-	15
	all children ^{1,2}	72,700	79	7	3	2	1	5	
EAST OF ENGLAND	looked after	450	69	6	3	3	2	-	16
	all children ^{1,2}	69,200	81	4	5	2	1	4	
LONDON	looked after	1,200	73	4	1	1	5	1	15
	all children ^{1,2}	82,500	86	3	2	1	1	4	
SOUTH EAST	looked after	650	67	7	2	-	7	-	16
	all children ^{1,2}	97,100	83	4	3	2	1	4	
SOUTH WEST	looked after	390	72	7	2	3	5	-	10
	all children ^{1,2}	61,200	80	5	3	3	1	4	

1. Source: 'The Connexions/Careers Service Annual Activity Survey 2007'. Covers all young people who were in year 11 during the school year ending August 2007, and is based on a survey carried out during October 2007.

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.

Table E: Offending by children looked after continuously for at least 12 months, year ending 30 September
Years: 2005-2007
Coverage: England

										numbers and percentages		
	children looked after						all children ¹			PAF Indicator C18 ²		
	number			percentages			percentages			2005	2006	2007
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
Number of children looked after at 30 Sept. who had been looked after for at least twelve months	44,700	44,200	44,200	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Number of children aged 10 or older at 30 September	30,400	30,300	30,400	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Number convicted or subject to a final warning or reprimand during the year	2,800	2,900	2,900	9.3	9.6	9.5	3.7	3.9	4.1	2.5	2.5	2.3

1. Data for all children are from the Home Office, and are for calendar years ending 31 December 2004 to 2006, 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 children looked after continuously for at least 12 months, year ending 30 September
Years: 2005-2007
Coverage: England

	numbers and percentages								
	number			percentages			PAF Indicator C19 ¹		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
Number of children looked after at 30 Sept. who had been looked after for at least twelve months	44,700	44,200	44,200	.	.	.	.	.	.
of these:									
number whose immunisations were up to date	34,200	35,200	35,300	76.5	79.5	79.9			
number who had their teeth checked by a dentist	36,800	37,600	38,000	82.3	85.1	85.8	} 81.3	84.1	85.1
number who had their annual health assessment	35,900	36,800	37,300	80.2	83.2	84.4			
number of children looked after for at least one year, and aged 5 or younger at 30 September:	6,700	6,600	7,000	.	.	.	.	.	.
of these:									
number whose development assessments were up to date	5,800	5,700	6,100	86.2	85.9	88.3	.	.	.

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.

Table G: Substance misuse of children looked after continuously for at least 12 months, year ending 30 September
Years: 2006-2007
Coverage: England

	number		percentages	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
Number of children looked after at 30 Sept. who had been looked after for at least twelve months	44,200	44,200	.	.
and of these:				
Number identified as having a substance misuse problem during the year ¹	2,300	2,400	5.1	5.4
and of these:				
Number who received an intervention for their substance misuse problem during the year ²	1,400	1,500	63.2	61.7
Number who were offered an intervention but who refused it during the year ²	760	800	33.6	33.4

1. Expressed as a percentage of the number of children looked after at 30 September who had been looked after for at least twelve months.
2. Expressed as a percentage of the number of children identified as having a substance misuse problem during the year.