Children in Care in England: Statistics

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The term "children in care" includes all children being looked after by a local authority, including those subject to care orders under section 31 of the *Children Act 1989* and those looked after on a voluntary basis through an agreement with their parents.

This note presents headline statistics on the number of children in care in England, reasons for entering the care system, types of care placement and number of care placements experienced. Estimated costs of service provision are also given as well as outcome indicators relating to educational attendance and attainment and offending behaviour.

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A. Numbers and characteristics of children in care

In the year ending 31 March 2011, a total of 65,520 children were looked after by local authorities in England, a rate of 59 per 10,000 children under 18 years. The absolute number of children looked after has increased by 9% since 2007 (59,970). The rate per 10,000 children under 18 had remained relatively stable between 2007 and 2009 but increased slightly in 2010 (from 55 to 58 per 10,000) and then to 59 in 2011.

Children aged between 10 and 15 years represent the majority of the looked after population (37%), while children under one year old are in a minority (6% of the looked after population). The looked after population includes more boys than girls (56% compared with 44%). These age- and gender-related distributions have remained relatively constant over the past 5 years.

The majority of the looked after population is *White* (77%), with *Mixed* groups and *Black* or *Black British* making up approximately 9% and 7% of the looked after population respectively. These minority ethnic groups appear to be overrepresented in the looked after population (around 3 per cent of the child population of Great Britain is from *Black or Black British* and *Mixed* groups).[1]

Table 1 provides further details on the number of children looked after by gender, age and ethnic origin.

B. Entering the care system

The reasons why children are looked after range from abuse and neglect through to a need to offer parents or children a short break because of severe disability. Table 1 shows the "category of need" (the reason social services became involved with a child) associated with children being looked after. In 2011, the main reason why social services first engaged with looked after children was because of abuse or neglect (62%), with family-related issues making up the majority of the rest of cases; a consistent pattern over the past five years.
In legal terms, children can become looked after through three main routes:

- Care orders made by the courts under section 31 of the *Children Act 1989*
- Voluntary accommodation arrangements under section 20 of the *Children Act 1989*
- Police protection or involvement with the youth justice system

Where children are subject to a care order, parental responsibilities are vested in the local authority through its social services department. If a child is accommodated under a voluntary arrangement, the local authority does not acquire parental responsibility although they undertake day-to-day parental responsibilities for the child on behalf of the child's parents and any other adult who has parental responsibility for the child.

[1] Office for National Statistics, *Mid 2007 Population Estimates by Ethnic Group (Experimental)*.

In 2011, a total of 38,200 looked after children were subject to care orders, which represents 60% of all legal statuses. Thirty one per cent (20,430 children) were being looked after on a voluntary basis, 7% on some other basis (child protection orders, freed for adoption) while a small number of children were looked after under police protection or involvement with the Youth Justice System. The use of care orders for children looked after has declined slightly since 2007 with a corresponding increase in voluntary arrangements.

Table 2 shows the numbers and percentages of children looked after by legal status.

C. Care placements

The majority of looked after children (74%) are in foster care placements. The number of children looked after in foster placements has increased by 15% since 2007 (from 42,030 to 48,530). Over the same period there has been a 22% decrease in the number of looked after children placed with parents (5,110 in 2007 compared with 3,970 in 2011). The number of children placed for adoption fell by 10% between 2007 and 2011, from 2,720 to 2,450. Some of the reduction in the numbers placed for adoption may be explained by an increase in the use of special guardianship orders in recent years.

Table 3 provides detailed information on placement type.

D. Cost of service provision

In the 2009/10 financial year around £3 billion (gross expenditure) was spent on looked after children's services in England. The majority of expenditure (92% in total) was on foster care services (around £1.25 billion) and children's homes (around £0.97 billion). Table 4 shows the gross expenditure on looked after children's services between 2000/01 and 2009/10. Both the total expenditure and the cost per looked after child have increased year-on-year since 2000/01.

E. Outcomes for children in care

The Department for Education publish information on a range of outcomes for children who have been continuously looked after by a Local Authority for at least 12 months.[2]

Information is available on the educational attainment, special educational needs, absence and exclusions of this cohort of children, taken from the matched administrative data taken from the Children Looked After database and the National Pupil Database (CLA-NPD).

Some details are also available on cautions and convictions, substance misuse, healthcare and activity at age 16 based on child level data from the Children Looked After database.

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[2] Department for Education. *Outcomes for Children Looked After by Local Authorities in England, as at 31 March 2011*

1. Educational performance

Table 5 compares the educational performance of looked after children in England with all children. Attainment for the looked after population is lower than national levels at all ages of assessment. For example, among Year 11 students in 2011, 32% of looked after children obtained five GCSEs at grade A* to C, compared with a national figure of 78%. Only 13% of looked after children achieved five GCSEs A* to C including Mathematics and English, compared with 58% nationally.

2. Education and employment status

Table 6 records the position as at 30 September 2010 of children in Year 11 in the previous school year of 2009/10, and provides a comparison between looked after children and the national population. The proportion of looked after children in full-time education is somewhat smaller than for all children (71% compared with 87%), but the proportion in full-time training is the same (5%). However, a much larger proportion of looked after children are unemployed (18% compared with 4%).

3. Offending behaviour

Table 7 provides basic information on offending behaviour for looked after children aged 10-17 compared with national offending rates for children aged 10-17. Around 7% of looked after children had received a conviction or a final warning or reprimand during the year ending 31 March 2011. This compares with 2% of all children aged 10-17.

F. Sources and further information

Detailed statistics on looked after children are available from the *Health well-being and care* section of the Department for Education research and statistics gateway
http://www.education.gov.uk/cgi-bin/rsgateway/search.pl?cat=3&subcat=3_1&q1=Search

Statistics on looked after children in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are also available from the internet:

Scotland
http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Children/TrendLookedAfter

Wales
http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportFolders.aspx

Northern Ireland
http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/stats_research/stats-cib-3/statistics_and_research-cib-pub/children_statistics.htm

G. Reference tables

Table 1 Children looked after at 31 March by gender, age, category of need, and ethnic origin, England 2007-2011[1,2,3]

	numbers					percentages				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
All children looked after at 31 March	**59,970**	**59,360**	**60,890**	**64,410**	**65,520**	***100***	***100***	***100***	***100***	***100***
Rates per 10,000 children under 18 years[4]	**55**	**54**	**55**	**58**	**59**					
Gender										
Male	33,390	33,380	34,580	36,150	36,470	*56*	*56*	*57*	*56*	*56*
Female	26,580	25,990	26,310	28,260	29,050	*44*	*44*	*43*	*44*	*44*
Age at 31 March (years)										
Under 1	2,990	2,900	3,260	3,720	3,660	*5*	*5*	*5*	*6*	*6*
1 to 4	8,740	9,020	9,440	10,840	12,020	*15*	*15*	*16*	*17*	*18*
5 to 9	10,930	10,380	10,470	11,200	11,830	*18*	*17*	*17*	*17*	*18*
10 to 15	25,500	24,900	24,890	24,930	24,160	*43*	*42*	*41*	*39*	*37*
16 and over	11,810	12,160	12,820	13,710	13,860	*20*	*20*	*21*	*21*	*21*
Category of need[5]										
Abuse or neglect	37,270	36,750	37,160	39,290	40,410	*62*	*62*	*61*	*61*	*62*
Child's disability	2,330	2,290	2,210	2,180	2,150	*4*	*4*	*4*	*3*	*3*
Parents illness or disability	2,970	2,750	2,700	2,820	2,720	*5*	*5*	*4*	*4*	*4*
Family in acute stress	4,730	4,910	5,320	5,800	5,880	*8*	*8*	*9*	*9*	*9*
Family dysfunction	6,320	6,330	6,840	8,020	8,930	*11*	*11*	*11*	*12*	*14*
Socially unacceptable behaviour	1,270	1,170	1,220	1,290	1,230	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*
Low income	110	130	140	170	160	-	-	-	-	-
Absent parenting	4,970	5,040	5,310	4,830	4,050	*8*	*8*	*9*	*7*	*6*
Ethnic origin										
White	**46,410**	**45,580**	**46,200**	**48,990**	**50,340**	***77***	***77***	***76***	***76***	***77***
White British	44,590	43,810	44,510	47,170	48,480	*74*	*74*	*73*	*73*	*74*
White Irish	410	420	390	390	370	*1*	*1*	*1*	*1*	*1*
Traveller of Irish Heritage[6]	.	.	20	30	30	.	.	-	-	-
Gypsy/Roma[6]	.	.	30	50	80	.	.	-	-	-
Any other White background	1,410	1,360	1,250	1,350	1,390	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*
Mixed	**5,310**	**5,220**	**5,260**	**5,590**	**5,620**	***9***	***9***	***9***	***9***	***9***
White and Black Caribbean	2,130	2,100	2,080	2,190	2,150	*4*	*4*	*3*	*3*	*3*
White and Black African	490	490	490	530	600	*1*	*1*	*1*	*1*	*1*
White and Asian	850	820	810	910	950	*1*	*1*	*1*	*1*	*1*
Any other mixed background	1,840	1,810	1,870	1,960	1,920	*3*	*3*	*3*	*3*	*3*
Asian or Asian British	**2,330**	**2,780**	**3,190**	**3,380**	**3,090**	***4***	***5***	***5***	***5***	***5***
Indian	300	300	300	320	300	-	*1*	-	-	-
Pakistani	640	660	670	740	770	*1*	*1*	*1*	*1*	*1*
Bangladeshi	270	310	350	410	420	-	*1*	*1*	*1*	*1*
Any other Asian background	1,120	1,510	1,880	1,920	1,610	*2*	*3*	*3*	*3*	*2*
Black or Black British	**4,720**	**4,450**	**4,400**	**4,570**	**4,520**	***8***	***7***	***7***	***7***	***7***
Caribbean	1,640	1,600	1,570	1,660	1,640	*3*	*3*	*3*	*3*	*2*
African	2,320	2,150	2,090	2,110	2,050	*4*	*4*	*3*	*3*	*3*
Any other Black background	750	710	740	800	840	*1*	*1*	*1*	*1*	*1*
Other ethnic groups	**1,190**	**1,330**	**1,690**	**1,700**	**1,530**	***2***	***2***	***3***	***3***	***2***
Chinese	120	130	140	130	110	-	-	-	-	-
Any other ethnic group	1,070	1,200	1,550	1,570	1,420	*2*	*2*	*3*	*2*	*2*
Other	**.**	**.**	**.**	**180**	**410**	***.***	***.***	***.***	***-***	***1***
Refused[6]	.	.	.	10	30	.	.	.	-	-
Information not yet available[6]	.	.	.	170	390	.	.	.	-	*1*

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2. Figures exclude children looked after under an agreed series of short term placements.
3. Historical data may differ from older publications. This is mainly due to the implementation of amendments and corrections sent by some local authorities after the publication date of previous materials.
4. The rates per 10,000 children under 18 years have been derived using the mid-year population estimates for 2010 provided by the Office for National Statistics.
5. The most applicable category of the eight "Need Codes" at the time the child started to be looked after rather than necessarily the entire reason they are looked after.
6. Ethnic origin classification collected for the first time in 2009.

. Not applicable.
- Negligible. Percentage below 0.5%

Source: Department for Education Children Looked after in England (including adoption and care leavers) year ending 31 March 2011

Table 2 Children looked after at 31 March by legal status, England 2007-2011[1,2,3]

	numbers					percentages				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
All children looked after at 31 March	**59,970**	**59,360**	**60,890**	**64,410**	**65,520**	***100***	***100***	***100***	***100***	***100***
Care Orders	**38,550**	**36,910**	**36,310**	**38,280**	**39,330**	***64***	***62***	***60***	***59***	***60***
Interim care orders	9,160	8,670	9,360	12,240	13,660	*15*	*15*	*15*	*19*	*21*
Full care orders	29,390	28,240	26,950	26,040	25,670	*49*	*48*	*44*	*40*	*39*
Freed for adoption[4]	**910**	**580**	**400**	**300**	**250**	***2***	***1***	***1***	***-***	***-***
Placement Order granted[5]	**3,060**	**4,400**	**4,620**	**4,860**	**5,290**	***5***	***7***	***8***	***8***	***8***
Voluntary agreements under S20 CA 1989 (single placements)	**17,200**	**17,280**	**19,310**	**20,710**	**20,430**	***29***	***29***	***32***	***32***	***31***
Detained for child protection	**40**	**30**	**70**	**70**	**40**	***-***	***-***	***-***	***-***	***-***
Police protection	10	20	30	40	30	-	-	-	-	-
Emergency protection orders	20	10	40	40	10	-	-	-	-	-
Under Child Assessment Order	0	0	0	x	0	*0*	*0*	*0*	*x*	*0*
Youth Justice legal statuses	**200**	**180**	**180**	**180**	**170**	***-***	***-***	***-***	***-***	***-***
On remand or committed for trial	180	170	170	170	160	-	-	-	-	-
Detained under PACE[6]	0	0	0	0	x	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*x*
Supervision order	20	10	10	10	10	-	-	-	-	-

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3. Historical data may differ from older publications. This is mainly due to the implementation of amendments and corrections sent by some local authorities after the publication date of previous materials.
4. No new applications for freeing orders may be made on or after 30 December 2005.
5. Placement orders came into force on 30 December 2005.
6. Children detained in local authority accommodation under section 38(6) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.

* Percentage is less than 0.5

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Source: Department for Education Children Looked after in England (including adoption and care leavers) year ending 31 March 2011

Table 3 Children looked after at 31 March by placement, England 2007-2011[1,2,3]

	numbers					percentages				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
All children looked after at 31 March	**59,970**	**59,360**	**60,890**	**64,410**	**65,520**	***100***	***100***	***100***	***100***	***100***
Foster placements	**42,030**	**41,930**	**43,870**	**46,840**	**48,530**	***70***	***71***	***72***	***73***	***74***
Foster placement inside Council boundary										
With relative or friend	5,100	4,990	4,930	5,280	5,350	*9*	*8*	*8*	*8*	*8*
With other foster carer										
provided by Council	19,920	19,580	19,910	20,540	21,370	*33*	*33*	*33*	*32*	*33*
arranged through agency[4]	2,370	2,740	3,330	4,030	4,460	*4*	*5*	*5*	*6*	*7*
Foster placement outside Council boundary										
With relative or friend	1,910	1,890	1,940	2,070	2,080	*3*	*3*	*3*	*3*	*3*
With other foster carer										
provided by Council	5,300	5,220	5,780	6,010	6,060	*9*	*9*	*9*	*9*	*9*
arranged through agency[4]	7,440	7,520	7,990	8,910	9,210	*12*	*13*	*13*	*14*	*14*
Placed for adoption	**2,720**	**2,860**	**2,690**	**2,500**	**2,450**	***5***	***5***	***4***	***4***	***4***
Placed for adoption with consent										
with current foster carer	130	110	60	40	30	-	-	-	-	-
(under S19 AA 2002)										
Placed for adoption with placement order										
with current foster carer	170	190	190	230	180	-	-	-	-	-
(under S21 AA 2002)										
Placed for adoption with consent										
not with current foster carer	750	600	290	190	170	*1*	*1*	-	-	-
(under S19 AA 2002)										
Placed for adoption with placement order										
not with current foster carer	1,680	1,960	2,150	2,050	2,070	*3*	*3*	*4*	*3*	*3*
(under S21 AA 2002)										
Placement with parents	**5,110**	**4,580**	**4,170**	**4,230**	**3,970**	***9***	***8***	***7***	***7***	***6***
Other placement in the community	**1,720**	**1,910**	**2,060**	**2,430**	**2,460**	***3***	***3***	***3***	***4***	***4***
Living independently	1,720	1,910	2,060	2,420	2,460	*3*	*3*	*3*	*4*	*4*
Residential employment	x	x	x	10	x	*x*	*x*	*x*	-	*x*
Secure units, children's homes and hostels	**6,460**	**6,220**	**6,090**	**6,170**	**5,890**	***11***	***10***	***10***	***10***	***9***
Secure unit inside Council boundary	30	20	20	20	20	-	-	-	-	-
Secure unit outside Council boundary[5]	170	160	190	180	140	-	-	-	-	-
Homes and hostels subject to										
Children's Homes regulations										
inside Council boundary	2,890	2,900	2,730	2,630	2,610	*5*	*5*	*4*	*4*	*4*
outside Council boundary	2,290	2,120	2,150	2,340	2,230	*4*	*4*	*4*	*4*	*3*
Homes and hostels *not* subject to										
Children's Homes regulations	1,090	1,020	1,000	1,000	880	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*1*
Other residential settings	**590**	**570**	**740**	**1,000**	**1,050**	***1***	***1***	***1***	***2***	***2***
Residential care homes	230	250	360	550	640	-	-	*1*	*1*	*1*
NHS Trust providing medical/nursing care	70	80	90	110	110	-	-	-	-	-
Family centre or mother and baby unit	140	100	150	200	170	-	-	-	-	-
Young offenders institution or prison	150	140	150	140	130	-	-	-	-	-
Residential schools	**1,090**	**1,080**	**1,040**	**1,030**	**970**	***2***	***2***	***2***	***2***	***1***
Missing - Absent for more than 24 hours										
from agreed placement	**150**	**130**	**120**	**110**	**110**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
In refuge (section 51 of Children Act, 1989)	x	x	x	x	x	*x*	*x*	*x*	*x*	*x*
Whereabouts known (not in refuge)	30	40	30	30	30	-	-	-	-	-
Whereabouts unknown	120	100	90	80	80	-	-	-	-	-
Other placement	**90**	**70**	**100**	**90**	**90**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

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4 This category includes new placement provider codes "Other Local Authority provision", "private provision" and "voluntary/sector provision" from onwards.
5. Since 2004-05 placed for adoption has been disaggregated by whether the placement is or is not with current foster carer. Since 2006-07 placement also disaggregated according to whether consent was given or a placement order sought.
6. There are currently only 16 secure units operating in England therefore most placements will inevitably be outside the council boundary.

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\- Negligible. Percentage below 0.5%

Source: Department for Education Children Looked after in England (including adoption and care leavers) year ending 31 March 2011

Table 4 Gross expenditure on children looked after, England 2000/01 to 2009/10

	Children's homes	Secure accommodation (welfare)	Fostering services	Other children looked after services	Total looked after children	Cost per looked after child
2000/01	£694.7m	£17.8m	£550.6m	£52.9m	£1316.0m	£22,343
2001/02	£716.7m	£17.0m	£621.1m	£72.6m	£1427.3m	£23,908
2002/03	£788.5m	£15.2m	£696.3m	£67.6m	£1567.6m	£25,783
2003/04	£855.7m	£22.2m	£801.5m	£85.9m	£1765.3m	£28,844
2004/05	£923.8m	£29.0m	£881.2m	£98.7m	£1932.7m	£31,684
2005/06	£943.1m	£29.8m	£963.4m	£118.5m	£2054.8m	£34,077
2006/07	£930.6m	£24.1m	£1049.6m	£121.6m	£2125.9m	£35,432
2007/08	£906.2m	£24.9m	£1111.1m	£145.5m	£2187.8m	£36,769
2008/09	£935.0m	£29.5m	£1130.5m	£167.7m	£2262.7m	£37,154
2009/10	£969.4m	£26.0m	£1253.1m	£177.4m	£2425.9m	£37,669

Sources: 2000/00 to 2007/08: *Personal Social Services Expenditure and Unit Costs* NHS Information Centre. 2008/09 onwards: *Children's Services Actuals England (* various years) Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting

Table 5: Eligibility and educational performance of looked after children in Key Stages 1,2 and 4, compared with all children, 2007 to 2011, England

	Looked after children					All children				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
YEAR 2										
Number eligible to sit Key Stage 1 tasks and tests[1]	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,400	545,550	535,720	532,040	551,760	568,470
Percentage achieving at least Level 2[2] in the following:										
Reading	61	61	63	63	65	84	84	84	85	85
Writing	55	54	55	56	57	80	80	81	81	81
Mathematics	70	68	70	68	71	90	90	90	89	90
YEAR 6										
Number eligible to sit Key Stage 2 tasks and tests[1]	2,880	2,850	2,690	1,990	2,640	582,710	592,120	575,070	414,450	552,430
Percentage achieving at least Level 4[2] in the following:										
English	49	51	48	51	53	81	82	81	81	81
Mathematics	46	48	48	50	52	78	79	79	81	80
English & Mathematics	37	39	38	41	43	72	73	73	74	74
YEAR 11										
Number eligible to sit GCSEs	4,910	5,110	5,190	5,750	5,680	668,670	668,550	644,420	645,580	633,260
Percentage who attained at least:										
A*-C in English & mathematics	9.5	10.3	11.0	12.7	13.9	46.7	47.4	49.6	53.5	58.6
5+ A*-C GCSEs inc. English & mathematics	8.7	9.6	10.4	12.0	13.2	45.6	46.7	49.0	52.9	57.9
5+ A*-C	16.5	18.4	22.5	26.7	31.5	60.5	64.1	69.0	74.6	78.1

[1] Includes all schools.

[2] Target level for age group.

Source: Department for Education. Outcomes for Children looked After by Local Authorities in England, as at 31 March 2011

Table 6 Education and employment status at 30 September 2010 of looked after children in Year 11 in 2009/10 school year, compared with all children, England

	Number of looked after children[1]			Percentage of looked after chidlren[3]			All children[4]	
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Number	Percentage
Total number of children in year 11 in 2009/10 school year[2]	3,380	2,370	5,750	.	.	.	604,720	.
Activity of these children at 30 September 2010:								
Full-time education	2,390	1,670	4,060	70.7	70.2	70.5	.	87.4
Full-time training	150	110	260	4.5	4.7	4.6	.	4.6
Full-time employment with planned training	50	40	80	1.3	1.5	1.4	.	1.4
Full-time employment with no planned training	30	10	30	0.8	0.3	0.6	.	0.7
Part-time employment, education, or training	200	120	310	5.8	4.9	5.4	.	.
Unemployed	570	440	1,010	16.9	18.3	17.5	.	3.7
as a result of ill health or disability	40	30	70	1.0	1.3	1.1	.	.
other reason	540	410	940	15.9	17.1	16.4	.	.

1. Number of children looked after continuously for 12 months at 31 March 2011 who were eligible to take GCSE examinations in the school year 2009/10.
2. Year 11 is the National Curriculum year usually followed by pupils aged 15 at the start of the school year. It is the year in which GCSE examinations are usually taken.
3. The number of children for each activity expressed as a percentage of all children looked after continuously for 12 months at 31 March who were in year 11 in the 2009/10 sch
4. Comparison information for all children is taken from The Connexions/Careers Service Annual Activity Survey 2009'. This covers all young people who were in year 11 during the school year ending August 2009, and is based on a survey carried out during October.

Source: Department for Education. Outcomes for Children looked After by Local Authorities in England, as at 31 March 2011

Table 7 Offending by children who had been looked after continuously for at least twelve months by gender, England 31 March 2011

	Boys	Girls	Total
Number of looked after children aged 10-17 years	17,510	12,720	30,230
Number of looked after children convicted or subject to a final warning or reprimand during the year	1,550	660	2,210
Percentage of looked after children convicted or subject to a final warning or reprimand during the year	8.9	5.2	7.3
Percentage of all children aged 10 to 17 convicted or subject to a final warning or reprimand during the year	3.7	1.1	2.4

Source: Department for Education. Outcomes for Children looked After by Local Authorities in England, as at 31 March 2011