

APPENDIX 1:

Outcome indicators for children in care for 12 months or more at 30 September 2008

Introduction

The OC2 statistical collection

In September 1999 the Government established 11 objectives for children's social services in England. One of these is 'to ensure that children looked after gain the maximum life chance benefits from educational opportunities, health care and social care'.

In order to collect the data needed to monitor progress towards this objective three new statistical collections were introduced. One of these (OC2) covers a range of outcome indicators for children looked after in England. The DCSF publication presents the results of this collection for the twelve months ending 30 September 2008. The figures presented include the National Indicator Set indicators 99 and 100.

This is the eighth time that children's social care departments have been asked to supply this information. Information about substance misuse of children looked after was collected for the first time for a twelve month period ending 30 September 2006.

Rounding and suppression of data to preserve confidentiality

The DCSF have applied rounding and suppression conventions to all data in their publication, in order to conceal very small numbers. This is to prevent the possibility of individual children being identified in the statistical tables. The conventions used are now applied to all personal social services statistics publications, and closely follow the established guidelines to protect the identity of all children looked after. A result of applying this procedure is that some columns of data at individual Local Authority level, which largely consist of very small numbers, contain many dashes (-) to replace actual numbers in the range 1-5.

Coverage of OC2

The OC2 collection covers all children and young people in England who had been looked after continuously for at least twelve months at 30 September. These figures exclude children looked after under an agreed series of short term placements (sometimes called 'Family Link Placements', 'Short Breaks' or 'respite care') during that period. These figures include asylum seeking children.

Where a child has 'slipped' a year or more (e.g. is taking key stage tests or GCSEs later than expected from their date of birth) their results are not included.

Duration in Care

The 2008 OC2 collection shows that 43,700 children in England had been continuously looked after for at least twelve months at 30 September 2008, a decrease of 1% from 30 September 2007 when 44,200 children had been

continuously looked after for at least twelve months. This represented approximately 73% of all children who were looked after on 30 September 2008.

The figure of 43,700 from the OC2 returns closely approximates an estimate for children at 31 March 2008 who had been looked after for twelve months or more which can be derived from the SSDA 903 return.

Comparability of educational results (Tables 1,2,3,4,5)

The national figures for educational information including SEN and exclusions in Table 1 and educational attainment in Tables 2, 3, 4, and 5 are collated according to the Local Authority (LA) to which each school belongs. Many children looked after in foster or residential placements are placed out-of-council and this is particularly the case in the Greater London area, where typically more than 60% of all foster placements are placed out-of-council and may well attend a school belonging to a different LA to the council which is looking after them. Caution must therefore be used when comparing educational data collected on OC2, with that for all children.

Figures for children looked after at local authority level include maintained schools, including mainstream and maintained special schools, City Technology Colleges and Academies. Figures for “all children” at national level include all schools, including independent schools whereas local authority figures include maintained schools, including mainstream and special schools, CTCs and academies.

Comparability between educational attainment data for children looked after and all children at local level have to be viewed with these caveats in mind.

The national SEN figures are based on the January school census. All other figures are based on a school year running from 1 September to the following 31 August.

Comparability of education, employment and training status

The comparative figures in 6 were provided by the Connexions Service and are based on a survey of all year 11 pupils in maintained schools in England in the school year which ended in August 2008. They exclude data from a small number of independent schools.

Comparability of offending data (Table 7)

The figures for all children cited in Table 7 are for Police Force areas, which do not necessarily follow the same boundaries as individual authorities, and in many instances include the areas of a number of authorities. These figures must therefore be treated with caution. At present the ‘all children’ data collected on this basis are the only figures available to provide a comparison. Also note that different authorities collect data on offending behaviour of children in care in different ways

Summary data for Haringey

General Education

230 of all children looked after continuously for at least twelve months were of school age at 30 September 2008.

Compared to national figures for all children in England, children looked after are almost 10 times more likely to hold a statement of special educational needs. Just under 3% of all school children in England held a statement of SEN as at January 2008. It is estimated that during the 2007/08 school year 28% of children in care held statements of special educational needs. In Haringey 27% of Children in Care had a statement of SEN.

13% of Haringey's Children in Care missed at least 25 days school in the year compared to 16% in 2007. This is still higher than the England average and the averages of our comparator authorities.

Local Authority	Number looked after for at least 12 months (rounded to nearest 5)	Of these, number of school age	% Children with a statement of SEN	% with a permanent exclusion	% missed at least 25 days school
England			27.9	0.5	11.9
London			26	0	11
Haringey	300	230	27	0	13
Greenwich	380	275	23	0	16
Hackney	275	205	19	-	13
Hammersmith & Fulham	220	160	21	0	12
Islington	255	200	30	-	9
Lambeth	410	285	21	-	14
Lewisham	350	240	26	-	14
Southwark	395	290	32	-	8
Wandsworth	175	135	26	0	8
Croydon	680	460	13	-	8
Waltham Forest	225	155	35	0	11
Averages			24.6	0	11.3

Table 1: Numbers of children looked after for at least 12 months and general information about their education

Educational Attainment

On average 56% of those children looked after in England in the appropriate age group achieved level 2 at Key Stage 1 (79% Haringey), 50% level 4 at Key Stage 2 (65% Haringey) and 31% level 5 at Key Stage 3 (38% Haringey).

In addition there are two National Indicators (NIs) derived from the OC2 data. NI 99 relates to the proportion of looked after children reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2, NI 100 relates to the proportion of looked after children reaching level 4 in mathematics at Key Stage 2. Haringey's outturn for these indicators was 68% and 63% respectively.

Key Stage 1

Of Haringey's Children in Care in Year 2, 11 were eligible to sit KS1 teacher assessments. There was a significant improvement in the percentage attaining level 2 in the reading task from 54% in 2007 to 82% in 2008. There were also improvements in the writing and maths assessments. Our outturns at KS1 were similar to the average of all children in Haringey sitting KS1 assessments.

Local Authority	No. looked after in Year 2 old enough to sit KS1 teacher assessments	Percentage attaining level 2 or above in each task or test					
		reading task		Writing task		Maths task/test	
		Looked After	All Children	Looked After	All Children	Looked After	All Children
England		57	84	50	80	62	90
London		63	83	54	78	66	89
Haringey	10	82	81	73	75	82	87
Greenwich	15	69	78	77	75	92	87
Hackney	5	-	77	-	72	-	85
Hammersmith & Fulham	5	0	81	0	74	0	86
Islington	10	-	79	-	74	-	85
Lambeth	10	-	79	-	74	-	85
Lewisham	10	73	79	64	74	91	87
Southwark	10	55	79	-	74	-	85
Wandsworth	10	-	82	-	78	-	90
Croydon	-	-	84	-	80	-	89
Waltham Forest	15	86	80	57	75	86	87
Averages		56.6	79.8	49.5	75	67.25	86.6

Table 2: Eligibility and performance of children looked after in Key Stage 1 tasks and tests, compared with all children

Key Stage 2

In 2008 Haringey's Children in Care showed improvements in English, Maths and Science at Key Stage 2 and achieved better than the England, London and comparator authorities averages. See Appendix 1 for comparison with 2007 outturns.

Percentage attaining level 4 or above in each task or test

Local Authority	No. looked after in Year 6 old enough to sit KS2 tasks/tests	English		Maths		Science	
		Looked After	All Children	Looked After	All Children	Looked After	All Children
England		46	81	44	79	60	88
London		49	81	44	79	59	87
Haringey	20	58	75	63	72	74	82
Greenwich	15	41	77	47	76	53	84
Hackney	20	30	75	40	72	45	80
Hammersmith & Fulham	10	58	82	58	78	58	89
Islington	20	60	78	45	76	65	85
Lambeth	20	39	80	-	74	50	86
Lewisham	25	50	79	50	77	50	87
Southwark	25	31	79	27	76	50	86
Wandsworth	15	53	83	-	79	59	87
Croydon	20	42	80	42	77	58	85
Waltham Forest	10	73	80	55	77	73	85
Averages		47.7	79.3	45.5	76.2	56.1	85.4

Table 3: Eligibility and performance of children looked after in Key Stage 2 tasks and tests, compared with all children

Key Stage 3

Children in Care to Haringey improved on their performance in English from 34% in 2007 to 41% in 2008. There was a slight improvement in Science but a drop in Maths from 40% in 2007 to 33% in 2008.

Percentage attaining level 5 or above in each task or test

Local Authority	No. looked after in Year 9 old enough to sit KS3 tasks/tests	English		Maths		Science	
		Looked After	All Children	Looked After	All Children	Looked After	All Children
England		30		33		30	
London		34		33		27	
Haringey	25	41		33		41	
Greenwich	40	34		32		26	
Hackney	30	54		54		25	
Hammersmith & Fulham	20	30		-		-	
Islington	25	39		-		30	
Lambeth	30	25		-		-	
Lewisham	35	23		31		26	
Southwark	35	24		22		19	
Wandsworth	15	53		60		40	
Croydon	50	17		27		17	
Waltham Forest	20	37		37		-	
Averages		33.6		37.6		26.1	

Table 4: Eligibility and performance of children looked after in Key Stage 3 tasks and tests, compared with all children

GCSE (Key Stage 4)

In school year 11, 63% of Haringey's Children in Care attained at least one GCSE or GNVQ compared with 96% of all school children in Haringey who achieved any qualification. These figures are an improvement on 2007 when the corresponding figure for children looked after was 60%. 32.5% of children looked after by Haringey did not sit an examination of this type in 2008 compared with 40% in 2007.

23% of children in care obtained at least 5 GCSE's or GNVQs at grades A*- C compared with 60% of all children who gained 5 or more A*-C at GCSE or equivalent in Haringey. This compares to 27.5% of looked after children in 2007. In addition NI 101 relates to the proportion of children who gained 5 or more GCSEs including English and Maths. Haringey's outturn for 2008 was 17.5%.

Local Authority	Number of looked after children in year 11 old enough to sit GCSE or GNVQ exams	% who sat one of these exams	Percentage attaining at least					
			1 GCSE at grade A*-G or a GNVQ		5 GCSEs at grade A*-G or a GNVQ		5 GCSEs at grade A*-C or a GNVQ	
			Looked After	All Children	Looked After	All Children	Looked After	All Children
England		68.8	65.6	98.6	43.4	91.6	13.9	65.3
London		65	63	98.4	41	93.1	16	65
Haringey	40	68	63	96	48	89.2	23	59.7
Greenwich	50	75	73	98.7	50	92.7	21	57.7
Hackney	30	74	74	98.3	45	90.3	-	58.1
Hammersmith & Fulham	20	60	60	98.4	40	92.5	-	73.4
Islington	40	70	63	97.1	33	90.1	20	56.4
Lambeth	55	57	50	98.9	36	91.3	17	62.3
Lewisham	40	63	60	98.4	38	91.4	-	59.8
Southwark	65	71	68	97.5	46	87.7	19	56.2
Wandsworth	20	89	84	97.4	63	90.7	-	66.2
Croydon	165	52	52	98.5	30	92.6	16	64.6
Waltham Forest	20	45	45	97.9	30	94	-	59.5
Averages		65.6	62.9	98.1	41.1	91.3	18.6	61.4

Table 5: GCSE performance of children looked after in year 11 compared with all children

Post 16

At the end of school year 11, 95% of children looked after for at least 12 months remained in full-time education or full/part-time training or employment and 5% were unemployed the September after leaving school. In 2007, 87.5% remained in full-time/part-time education or training and 12.5% of children looked after were unemployed.

Local Authority	Total number of children looked after in Year 11 2007-08 school year	Position of children @ 30 September 2008, shown as percentage of total		
		In full-time education	In full/part-time training or employment	Unemployment
England		69	15	16
London		78	10	14
Haringey	40	75	20	-
Greenwich	50	75	-	17
Hackney	30	81	0	19
Hammersmith & Fulham	20	100	0	0
Islington	40	78	0	23
Lambeth	55	74	13	13
Lewisham	40	58	20	23
Southwark	65	68	14	18
Wandsworth	20	90	-	0
Croydon	165	88	7	5
Waltham Forest	20	65	-	30
Averages		77.7	7.7	14.8

Table 6: Education and employment status at 30 September of children looked after in Year 11 in 2007-08

Offending

16% of children looked after by Haringey aged 10 or over, were cautioned or convicted for an offence during the year, compared to the England average of 9%. The PAF indicator is the proportion of children in care who received a caution or conviction during the year against all children aged 10 and over in the police force area who received a caution or conviction. Our outturn for this indicator was 4.1. Please note that different authorities collect data on offending behaviour of children in care in different ways. Haringey uses the Police National Computer (PNC) to check details of all children aged 10-17 regardless of where they are placed. Other LAs only count young people who have attended local courts.

Local Authority	Children Looked After			All children Aged 10-17 in police force area	PAF Indicator C18
	Number aged 10 years or older during the year	Number cautioned or convicted during the year	Percentage cautioned or convicted during the year	Percentage cautioned or convicted during the year	
England		2600	8.8	4.3	2.1
London		335	6	4	1.5
Haringey	225	35	16	4	4.1
Greenwich	275	10	3	4	0.8
Hackney	195	15	7	4	1.7
Hammersmith & Fulham	160	20	13	4	3.2
Islington	195	-	-	4	-
Lambeth	280	5	2	4	0.6
Lewisham	245	20	9	4	2.2
Southwark	305	15	5	4	1.2
Wandsworth	130	5	5	4	1.4
Croydon	615	15	2	4	0.6
Waltham Forest	150	10	6	4	1.5
Averages			5.8		1.5

Table 7: Offending by children looked after compared to all children in MPF area aged 10-17

Health Assessments

84 % of children looked after had immunisations that were up to date, 93% had a dental check, and 93% had an annual health assessment. In 2007 these figures were 83%, 93% and 96% respectively.

The PAFC19 figure for Haringey was 93% compared to 87% for England. This is an average of the children who had been seen by a dentist and those who had a health assessment during the year.

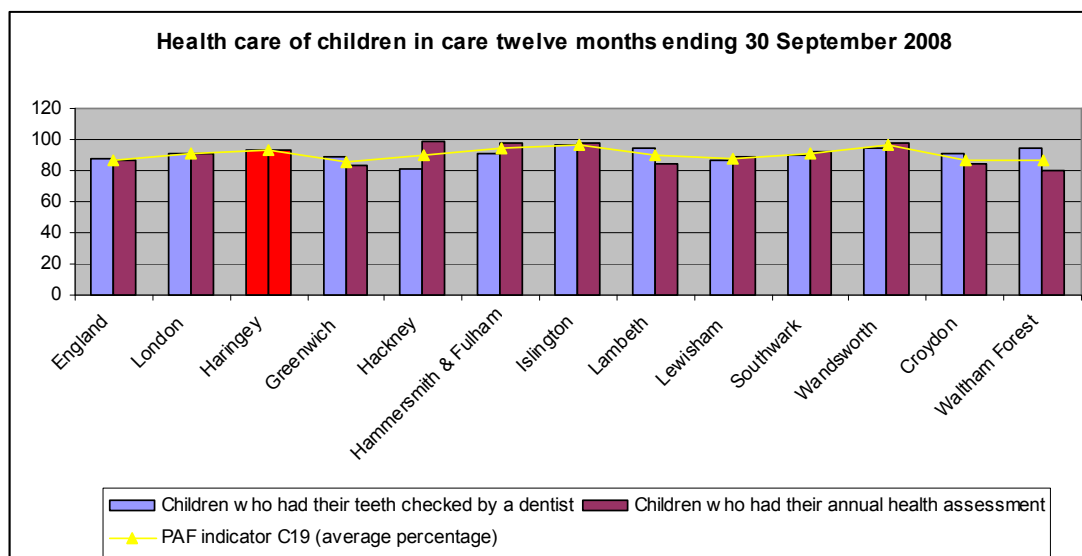
Local Authority	% whose developmental assessments were up to date
England	87.5
London	94
Haringey	97
Greenwich	90
Hackney	100
Hammersmith & Fulham	94
Islington	100
Lambeth	100
Lewisham	77
Southwark	96
Wandsworth	100
Croydon	90

Waltham Forest	92
Averages	93.9

Table 8: Developmental assessments of pre-school children looked after

Local Authority	Percentages			
	Children whose immunisations were up to date	Children who had their teeth checked by a dentist	Children who had their annual health assessment	PAF indicator C19 (average percentage)
England	82.3	87.3	86.5	86.9
London	82	91	91	91
Haringey	84	93	93	93
Greenwich	74	89	83	86
Hackney	93	81	99	90
Hammersmith & Fulham	74	91	98	95
Islington	89	97	98	97
Lambeth	66	95	85	90
Lewisham	77	87	89	88
Southwark	89	90	92	91
Wandsworth	91	95	98	97
Croydon	89	91	84	87
Waltham Forest	88	94	80	87
Averages	83.0	91.0	90.6	90.8

Table 9: Health care of children looked after



Graph: Haringey's position on health care of children in care

Substance Misuse

7.7% of looked after children were identified as having a substance misuse problem during the year (compared to 5% in England), of which 65% received an intervention for their problem during the year compared to the England average of 63%.

Local Authority	% identified as having a substance misuse problem during the year	and of these:	
		% who received an intervention for their substance misuse problem during the year	% who were offered an intervention but who refused it during the year
England	4.9	63	34
London	5.9	66.7	35.9
Haringey	7.7	65.2	34.8
Greenwich	8.6	87.9	-
Hackney	4.4	91.7	-
Hammersmith & Fulham	9.1	55	65
Islington	5.9	46.7	53.3
Lambeth	6.3	-	50
Lewisham	12.6	100	50
Southwark	2.3	-	-
Wandsworth	5.2	-	-
Croydon	4	55.6	44.4
Waltham Forest	5.3	-	50
Averages	6.4	72.8	52.1

Table 10: Substance misuse of children looked after

Data Source

- DCSF Outcome indicators for Looked After Children 2007/08
- OC2