

## Children & Young People Commission Looked After Statistical Report

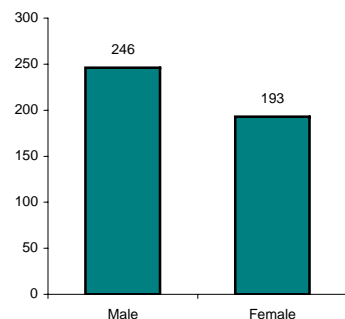


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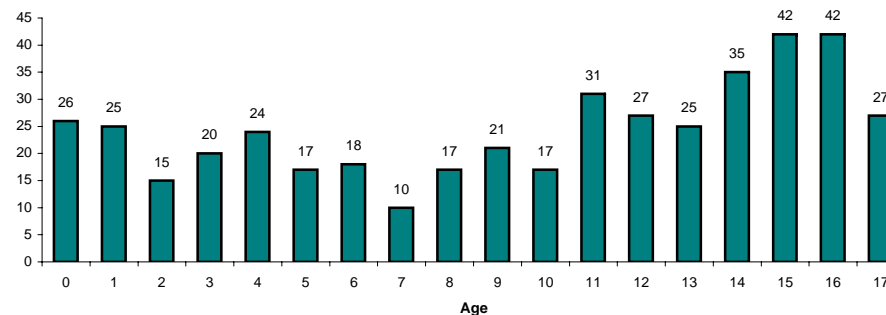
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## Profile of Children in Care at 1 July 2010

Gender



Age at 1 July 2010



Ethnic Origin	Children	Percentage
Asian Or Asian British - Indian	2	0.5%
Asian Or Asian British - Other	8	1.8%
Asian Or Asian British - Pakistani	4	0.9%
Black Or Black British - African	8	1.8%
Black Or Black British - Caribbean	3	0.7%
Dual Heritage - Other	17	3.9%
Dual Heritage - White And Asian	12	2.7%
Dual Heritage - White And Black African	7	1.6%
Dual Heritage - White And Black Caribbean	18	4.1%
Not Declared	1	0.2%
Not Known	3	0.7%
Other	3	0.7%
White - British	341	77.7%
White - Irish	4	0.9%
White - Non-European	1	0.2%
White - Other European	7	1.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Category of Need	Children	Percentage
Cn1 - Abuse Or Neglect	313	71.3%
Cn2 - Chronic Illness	1	0.2%
Cn2 - Emotional & Behavioural Difficulties	22	5.0%
Cn2 - Learning Disability	10	2.3%
Cn2 - Mental Illness	1	0.2%
Cn2 - Physical Disability	4	0.9%
Cn2 - Sensory Disability Hearing Impairment/Deaf	2	0.5%
Cn3 - Parental Illness/Disability	29	6.6%
Cn4 - Family In Acute Stress	17	3.9%
Cn5 - Family Dysfunction	13	3.0%
Cn6 - Socially Unacceptable Behaviour	8	1.8%
Cn8 - Absent Parenting	10	2.3%
Cn8 - Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	8	1.8%
Cn9 - Cases Other Than Cin	1	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Comments :

The proportion of children in care from a White British background is over represented for that group. 78% of children in care are 'White - British' compared to the most recent school census population of 69%.

The number of children with a primary category of need of 'Abuse or Neglect' (71%) is higher than the national average (61%) and East Midlands average of 62%.

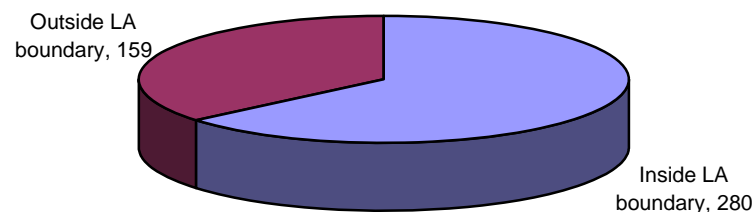
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Placement Type	Children	Percentage
Foster Placement	314	71.5%
Homes	49	11.2%
Independent Living	8	1.8%
Placed for adoption	37	8.4%
Placed with parents	20	4.6%
Residential school or hospital	4	0.9%
Secure unit, YOI or prison	7	1.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Placement Provider	Children	Percentage
Own provision by LA	321	73.1%
Other LA provision	5	1.1%
Other public provision	3	0.7%
Private provision	89	20.3%
Parents or person with parental responsibility	21	4.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Legal Status	Children	Percentage
C1 Interim Care Order	55	12.5%
C2 Full Care Order	200	45.6%
D1 Freed for Adoption (freeing order granted)	9	2.1%
E1 Placement Order Granted	84	19.1%
J1 In Local Authority on Remand, or Committed for Trial or Sentence	6	1.4%
L1 Under Police Protection, in LA Accommodation	1	0.2%
V2 Accommodated under Section 20 (single period of accommodation)	84	19.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Placement authority



Length of time looked after	Children	Percentage
a) Less than 1 year	106	24.1%
b) 1 to 2 years	84	19.1%
c) 2 to 3 years	50	11.4%
d) 3 to 4 years	43	9.8%
e) 4 to 5 years	42	9.6%
f) 5 to 10 years	74	16.9%
g) 10 years & over	40	9.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

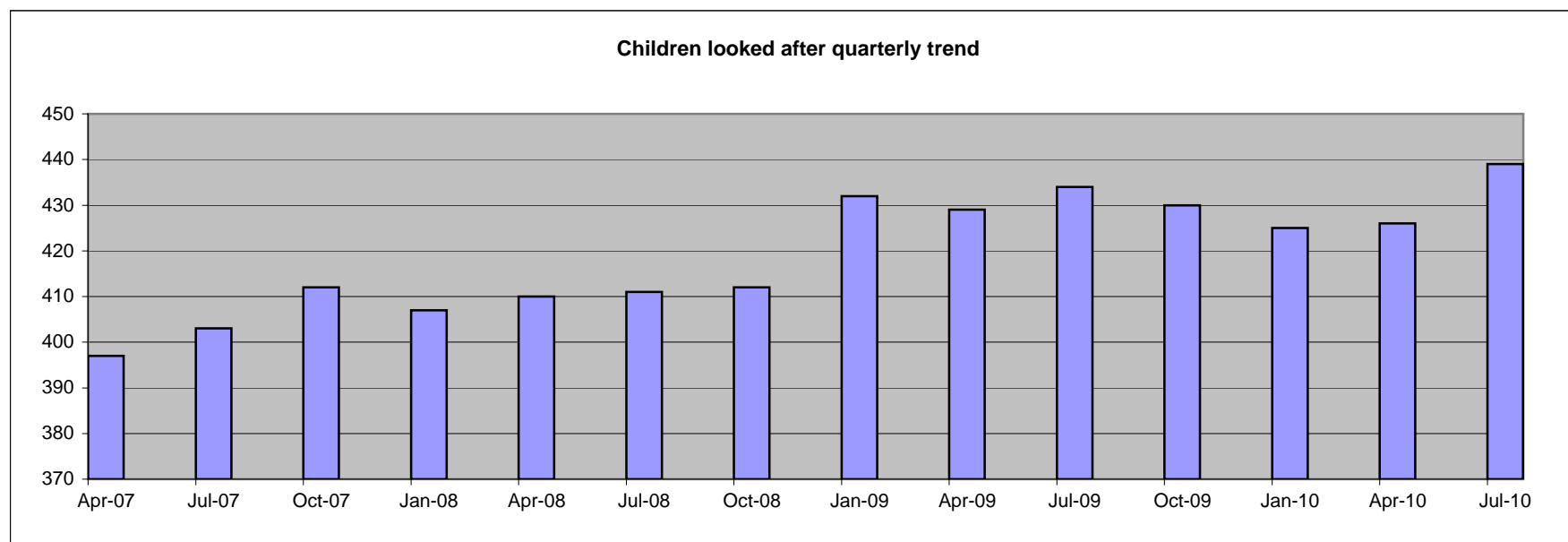
### Comments :

Currently the proportion of children in foster placements is slightly lower than the national average and those in residential setting above national averages

Derby places 36% of children in care outside the local authority boundary which is in line with the national average but significantly higher than other East Midlands authorities.

### Trend of Children in Care April 2007 to present

Placement Type	Apr-07	Jul-07	Oct-07	Jan-08	Apr-08	Jul-08	Oct-08	Jan-09	Apr-09	Jul-09	Oct-09	Jan-10	Apr-10	Jul-10
Foster Placement	269	283	293	288	296	288	282	308	315	315	312	303	309	314
Homes	48	48	47	48	48	53	53	51	50	46	50	52	51	49
Independent Living	3	4	6	5	6	6	5	5	0	3	6	6	5	8
Placed for adoption	35	32	32	31	32	34	41	38	35	39	31	29	33	37
Placed with parents	28	23	23	25	17	20	24	23	21	23	25	28	23	20
Residential school or hospital	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	4
Secure unit, YOI or prison	10	10	8	7	8	6	3	3	4	5	3	5	3	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>439</b>



**Comments :**

During the past two years Derby has seen the number of children in care rise by over 10%. The rate per thousand population is slightly higher than comparator authorities but is almost double the rate for the East Midlands.

The number of children in foster placements during the same period has risen by almost 17%.

## Performance measures 2009/10

	Derby	2008/09 Comparator authorities	Derby	2009/10 Comparator authorities
<b>NI 58 Emotional and behavioural health of children in care</b>	16	15.4	15.5	n/a
<p><i>This measure is based upon the average scores of questionnaires completed by carers that assess the 'Strengths &amp; Difficulties' of children they care for. The target is to lower scores through early intervention and targeted support packages and Derby's average score is now more in line with comparators.</i></p>				
<b>NI 61 Proportion of children placed for adopted within 12 months of agency decision.</b>	56%	78%	60%	n/a
<p><i>Derby has been in the bottom quartile for this measure in the past but improvements have been made during 2009/10. This measure is affected by the size of Derby and the need to recruit potential adopters from outside the local authority boundary.</i></p>				
<b>NI 62 Proportion of children looked after with 3 or more placements during the year.</b>	8.50%	10%	8%	n/a
<p><i>The stability of placements is a fundamental part of achieving good outcomes for children in care. Derby has always performed well against this measure over the years and continues to be below national and comparator averages.</i></p>				
<b>NI 66 Percentage of children who received a review within the required timescales.</b>	92%	96%	95%	n/a
<p><i>All children in care receive at least two reviews per year and Derby has a good record of meeting the timescales. The national average for meeting timescales is around 91%.</i></p>				
<b>NI 99 Children in care reaching level 4 in English at KS2</b>	31%	45%	50%	46%
<b>NI 100 Children in care reaching level 4 in Maths at KS2</b>	44%	51%	60%	44%
<b>NI 101 Children in care achieving 5 A*-C GCSE or equivalent including Maths and English</b>	7.70%	n/a	6.50%	n/a

*The most recent results shown good progress against Key stage 2, however 5 A\*-C GCSEs remain very low and a priority in terms of narrowing the gap between children in care and the city average.*

## **The Education of Children in Care Resident in Derby City Children's Homes 2009-2010**

As of 05/07/2010 there are 37 children and young people living in Derby City Children's Homes, with 32 young people resident in the five Local Authority Residential Homes of Cricklewood, Queensferry Gardens, Coronation Avenue, Bute Walk and Moorfields (Redwood, Elmhurst and Wragley). In December 2009, the purpose built Shine Residential Home for autistic children and young people was opened in Mickleover, accommodating five young people. When compared with the 2009 figure, there is an increase of ten more young people accommodated in Residential Children's Homes in 2010, five of whom have been brought back into the city to be accommodated at Shine.

Thirty two children and young people living in Residential Care are of statutory school age. Five young people in Residential Care are above statutory school age, of whom one young person is accessing Education and training and the other young person is not in education, employment or training (NEET). Student Tutors, Mentors and Connexions have provided education, Work Experience opportunities, motivation and continued support within the Residential Home for the young person who is currently not in education, training or employment. Three young people above statutory school age are in the care of Shine and continue to access education at Special Schools.

Since 2009, more young people above statutory school age have accessed independent living and subsequently there is a reduction in the number of children who are above statutory school age living in residential homes.

Mainstream education caters for 15 Children in Care. Twenty two young people access education through Special Schools and Pupil Referral Units (PRU). As well as core subjects PRUs also offer alternative educational programmes, such as Junction 16, provided through Kingsmead, Newton's Walk or the Enhanced Care Project (ECP).

Currently, at Newton's Walk or The Kingsmead PRU, nine young people are receiving full-time education and four young people access part-time education supplemented by ECP 1:1 provision.

In 2010, more students are able to access full time (F/T) education compared to 2009 as a range of individual supportive packages have been made available.