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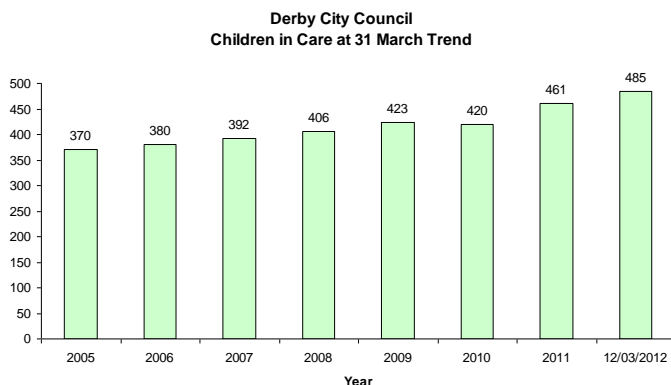
Children in Care Data and Performance summary



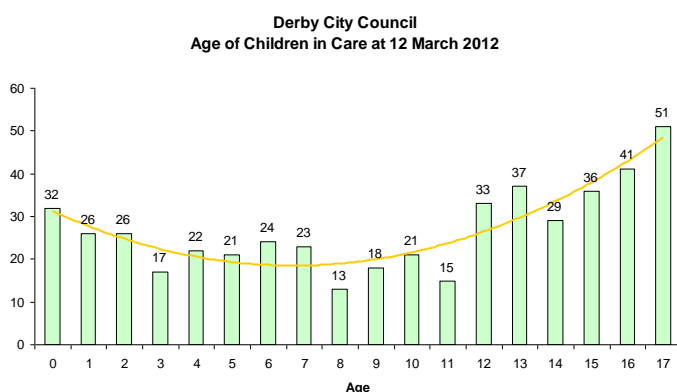
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485 children in care at 12th March 2012



The number of children in care has steadily increased over the past 7 years. The latest figure of 485 cases is the highest since 1998.



The chart shows the disproportionate number of children in care aged 12 and over. This profile is not unusual for authorities, but is slightly more pronounced for Derby.

The number of children entering care aged 11 and over has increased significantly with 2010/11 showing a 50% increase compared to 2006/07.

Ethnicity	Children	Percent
Asian or Asian British	17	3.5%
Black or Black British	15	3.1%
Dual Heritage	59	12.2%
Other	14	2.9%
White British	372	76.7%
White - Other	8	1.6%

The numbers of children in care from certain groups are relatively small but the overall proportion of children in care from minority groups is slightly under represented compared to the local population.

Duration in Care	Cases
Less than 1 year	137
1 to 2 years	95
2 to 3 years	49
3 to 4 years	47
4 to 5 years	33
5 to 10 years	92
10 years and over	32

Almost half have been looked after for less than 2 years and is a slight increase on this time last year.

Placements	Inside City Boundary	Outside City Boundary	Total
Foster Care	168	188	356
Homes and hostels	39	6	45
Independent living	22	0	22
Placed for Adoption	29	0	29
Placed with Parents	16	7	23
Residential School or Hospital	0	4	4
Secure Unit, YOI or Prison	0	6	6
	274	211	485

Almost 44% of Derby's children in care are placed outside the city boundary, including the majority of children who are in foster placements. 13% of children were placed more than 20 miles from Derby.

Outcomes & Indicators

Cohort numbers are generally low and as such performance can fluctuate dramatically year on year. Therefore, the government publish three year average figures to smooth out variances.

Education

At Key stage 2 Derby's three year average for children achieving level 4 including English and Maths was 35%. This compares to a national average of 37%. The figure for all children in Derby during 2010/11 was 69%.

At GCSE, the proportion of children in care achieving 5 A* to C including English and Maths for the past three years was 10%. This compares to 11% nationally. The 11/12 figures were 16.7%

Absence levels are fairly good with only 5% of sessions missed during an academic year compared to 6% nationally.

The proportion of school age children in care with a Personal Education Plan is currently 86%. This compares to last year's figure of 95%.

Stability

Derby performs well against the indicator which measures the proportion of children with 3 or more placements during the year with an average of 8%. This compares to a national average of 11%. Latest figures show stability at 8.5%

The proportion of children living in the same placement for 2 years or more is 66% against a national average of 67%.

Health & Wellbeing

The proportion of children in care aged 10 or over who were convicted or cautioned during 2010/11 was 9.8%. This is the highest in the East Midlands and compares to 7.3% nationally.

The proportion of children with immunisations up to date was 95% last year which compares to 79% nationally.

70% of children had their teeth check by a dentist during 10/11 compared to 82% nationally and 73% of children had their annual health assessment during the year compared to 84% nationally. Recent monitoring reports show that 68% of Health assessments are up to date.

The average 'Strength and Difficulties' score which measures emotional and behavioural issues for children was 16.4 last year. This compares to an average of 13.9 nationally.

Care Leavers

The proportion of Care Leavers aged 19 who were not in employment education or training over the last three years was 28%. This compares to the national average of 32%, however Derby's 2011 figure rose to 31% and current monitoring figures show performance at 38%.

Care Leavers living in suitable accommodation at the age of 19 was 89% which is in line with national averages. February 2012's figures show 94% in suitable accommodation.