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## CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER STATISTICS 2008-09

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Scotland's Chief Statistician today published [Children Looked After Statistics 2008-09](#). This publication contains statistics on children who were looked after by or eligible for aftercare services from local authorities between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

The main findings are:

- At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 there were 15,288 children looked after by local authorities, an increase of 3 per cent since 2008. The number of children looked after has increased every year since 2001, and is at its highest since 1983. (Table 2.9, Chart 1).
- At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009, 39 per cent of children looked after were placed at home with parents, and 20 per cent were looked after by friends or relatives. Twenty nine per cent were looked after by foster carers. Ten per cent were in residential accommodation. (Table 1.8).
- There were 5,194 children who started to be looked after in 2008-09, an increase of 1 per cent on 2007-08. The number ceasing to be looked after decreased by 3 per cent from 2007-08, to 4,386 in 2008-09. (Tables 2.1, 2.6)
- Forty per cent of young people ceasing to be looked after above school leaving age during 2008-09 had a pathway plan on the date they were discharged, and 42 per cent had a pathway coordinator. (Table 1.20).
- There were 3,452 young people reported to be eligible for aftercare services on 31st March 2009. Thirty five per cent of those with known economic activity were in education, training or employment, a decrease of 7 percentage points on 2008. (Table 1.24)
- At 31st March 2009 there were 2,123 children being looked after on a current planned series of short term placements. Just under half of all these were looked after in residential establishments. (Table 1.30).

## **LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN**

1. At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 there were 15,288 children looked after by local authorities, an increase of 3 per cent since 2008. The number of children looked after has increased every year since 2001, and is at its highest since 1983. (Tables 1.1, 2.1, 2.9, Chart 1).
2. Fifty five per cent of children looked after on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 were male (Table 1.1). Sixty nine per cent were aged 5-15, with just under half of these in the 12-15 age group (Tables 1.1, 2.1, Chart 3).
3. Most children looked after on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 were under supervision requirement, either at home (31 per cent of all children looked after) or away from home (33 per cent). A further 8 per cent were accommodated under Section 25 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (Tables 1.4, 2.2).
4. At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009, 39 per cent of children looked after were looked after at home with parents and 20 per cent were looked after by friends or relatives. The number of children being looked after by friends or relatives increased by 25 per cent compared with 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008, from 2,399 to 2,990 (Tables 1.8, 2.3, Chart 2).
5. At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009, nearly a quarter (23 per cent) of children looked after were with foster carers provided by the local authority, with a further 6 per cent looked after by foster carers purchased by the local authority. The number of children looked after by foster carers or prospective adopters has increased every year since 1993, from 2,574 to 4,739 (Tables 1.8, 2.3, 2.9, Chart 2).
6. At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009, the proportion of children looked after in residential care was 10 per cent nationally, and is now at its lowest since when data has been available. The actual numbers of children in residential care have been fairly stable since 2000, at around 1,600 (Tables 1.8, 2.9).
7. At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 there were a further 2,123 children being looked after on a current planned series of short term placements, an increase of 12 per cent on the previous year. Just under half (47 per cent) of children looked after on a series of short term placements were looked after residentially and 31 per cent were looked after by foster carers (Tables 1.29, 1.30 and 2.8).

## **STARTING TO BE LOOKED AFTER**

8. There were 5,194 children who started to be looked after in 2008-09, an increase of 1 per cent on 2007-08 (Tables 1.11, 2.1). Children are counted for each episode of starting to be looked after (i.e. a child may be counted more than once).
9. Thirty eight per cent of children starting to be looked after during 2008-09 were being looked after under a supervision requirement at home, 10 per cent were under a supervision requirement away from home, and 21 per cent were accommodated under Section 25 (Table 1.14, 2.2).

## **LEAVING CARE**

10. There were 4,386 children who ceased to be looked after in 2008-09, a decrease of 3 per cent on 2007-08 (Tables 1.15, 2.6). Children are counted for each episode of being looked after (i.e. a child may be counted more than once).

11. Nine per cent of children ceasing to be looked after had been looked after for under six weeks. Just over a quarter (27 per cent) had been looked after for three years or more, including 12 per cent who had been looked after for five years or more. Thirty four per cent had been looked after for less than a year (Table 1.19).
12. In 68 per cent of the episodes of care that ended during 2008-09, the child's destination was home with parents (biological or newly-adoptive). The remaining children had a range of destinations, with no more than 11 per cent in any one destination category. (Table 1.16)

### **CARE LEAVERS**

13. Forty per cent of young people ceasing to be looked after beyond minimum school leaving age during 2008-09 had a pathway plan on the date they were discharged, and 42 per cent had a pathway coordinator (Table 1.20).
14. Sixty three per cent of care leavers beyond minimum school leaving age whose last placement was at home with parents, with friends or relatives, or with foster carers stayed in the same placement type upon leaving care (Table 1.22).

### **YOUNG PEOPLE ELIGIBLE FOR AFTERCARE SERVICES**

15. There were 3,452 young people who were reported to be eligible for aftercare services on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. Please note that one local authority were unable to provide any aftercare data. (Tables 1.23-1.28).
16. Of all young people reported to be eligible for aftercare services on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009, the accommodation of 37 per cent was not recorded, in most cases (33 per cent) because they were not receiving aftercare services from the local authority. Of those whose accommodation was known, most were either living at home with their parents (22 per cent) or living independently/in their own tenancy (34 per cent). Five per cent were known to be homeless (Table 1.23).
17. Of the young people eligible for aftercare services on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 who were receiving aftercare services and whose economic activity was known, 14 per cent were in education and 22 per cent were in training or employment. Four per cent were not in education, training or employment due to illness or disability, 6 per cent were looking after family and 55 per cent were unemployed for other reasons (Table 1.24).
18. Of those young people eligible for aftercare services whose economic activity was known, there was no difference between the proportions of males and females that were in employment, education or training (35 per cent) (Table 1.25).

### **REVISIONS TO 2007-08 DATA**

19. East Dunbartonshire revised all their 2007-08 data on children looked after at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008, and on children starting to be looked after in 2007-08. This was due to the addition of 2 children who were looked after in 2007-08 but were not previously included in East

Dunbartonshire's figures. This affects tables 1.1-1.4, tables 1.8-1.14, tables 2.1-2.5, table 2.9, and tables 3.1-3.5 from the 2007-08 Children Looked After Statistics publication.

20. Dumfries and Galloway revised their 2007-08 data on accommodation types of children looked after at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. This was due to a small number of children who were looked after in local authority homes being incorrectly recorded as being looked after in a residential school. This affects table 1.8, table 2.3, and table 3.3.
21. A full set of revised tables for Children Looked After Statistics 2007-08 can be found in the publications section on the Scottish Government's Children and Young People Statistics web page at: [www.scotland.gov.uk/childrenstats](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/childrenstats) .
22. Revisions to previously published statistics are carried out in accordance with the Scottish Government Corporate Policy Statement on Revisions and Corrections. This statement is available at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/About/NatStats> .

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## BACKGROUND NOTES

- 1 A child becomes looked after by a local authority as a result of either being provided with accommodation by a local authority under section 25 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (where either no one has parental responsibility for them, they are lost or abandoned, or the person who has been caring for them is prevented from providing suitable care), through a children's hearing leading to a supervision requirement, or where the child is subject to an order, authorisation or warrant. (Children who are subject to respite care are not included in the looked after section of these statistics). Children who are looked after will either be looked after at home (where the child or young person continues to live in their normal place of residence), or looked after away from home (away from their normal place of residence).
- 2 All children and young people who are looked after at home will have appeared at a children's hearing which has resulted in the child or young person becoming looked after, with the aim of promoting beneficial changes to the child or young person's life whilst they remain at home. For children and young people who are looked after away from home, it has been decided that it is not appropriate for them to remain at home and either the local authority, children's hearing or sometimes the court will consider alternative placements. These alternative placements can include foster care or residential care.
- 3 Most children and young people become looked after for care and protection reasons. These can include (although this list is not exhaustive) neglect, mental, physical or emotional abuse, parental substance misuse or poor parenting skills, or a child or young person may have become involved in the youth justice system. The length of time a child or young person is looked after for can vary. Some return home, some become adopted, and some children and young people remain looked after until they reach adulthood.
- 4 The data used for Children Looked After Statistics 2008-09 were collected at an individual child level from all 32 local authorities for the first time. Statistics published in prior years used data supplied by local authorities aggregated at a local authority level. For 2008-09, local authorities are reporting significant improvements in the quality of their data reporting as a result of the new individualised collection methodology. This should be borne in mind when performing cross-year comparisons.
- 5 The individualised 2008-09 data collected information on the characteristics of each child or young person that was looked after at any time between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. Statistics were collected on all children/ young people who had an open looked after episode within the collection period, every episode which was open at some point in the collection period, every placement that took place during these entire episodes and every main legal reason for which a child was being looked after. The survey forms, data specification and guidance notes for data presented in this publication, and previous years' publications, can be seen at [www.scotland.gov.uk/childrenstats](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/childrenstats) .
- 6 The new individualised collection methodology provides a much richer source of information on children looked after statistics. In particular, the individual level data allows analysis to be performed at any period in time, unlike previous years datasets which were snapshots of local authority level aggregate totals. If you would like to find out more about the new collection methodology, please contact Charlie Hogg (see background note 19 below for contact details).
- 7 Although all local authorities supplied data, some were unable to provide information for every table. The larger omissions are listed below:

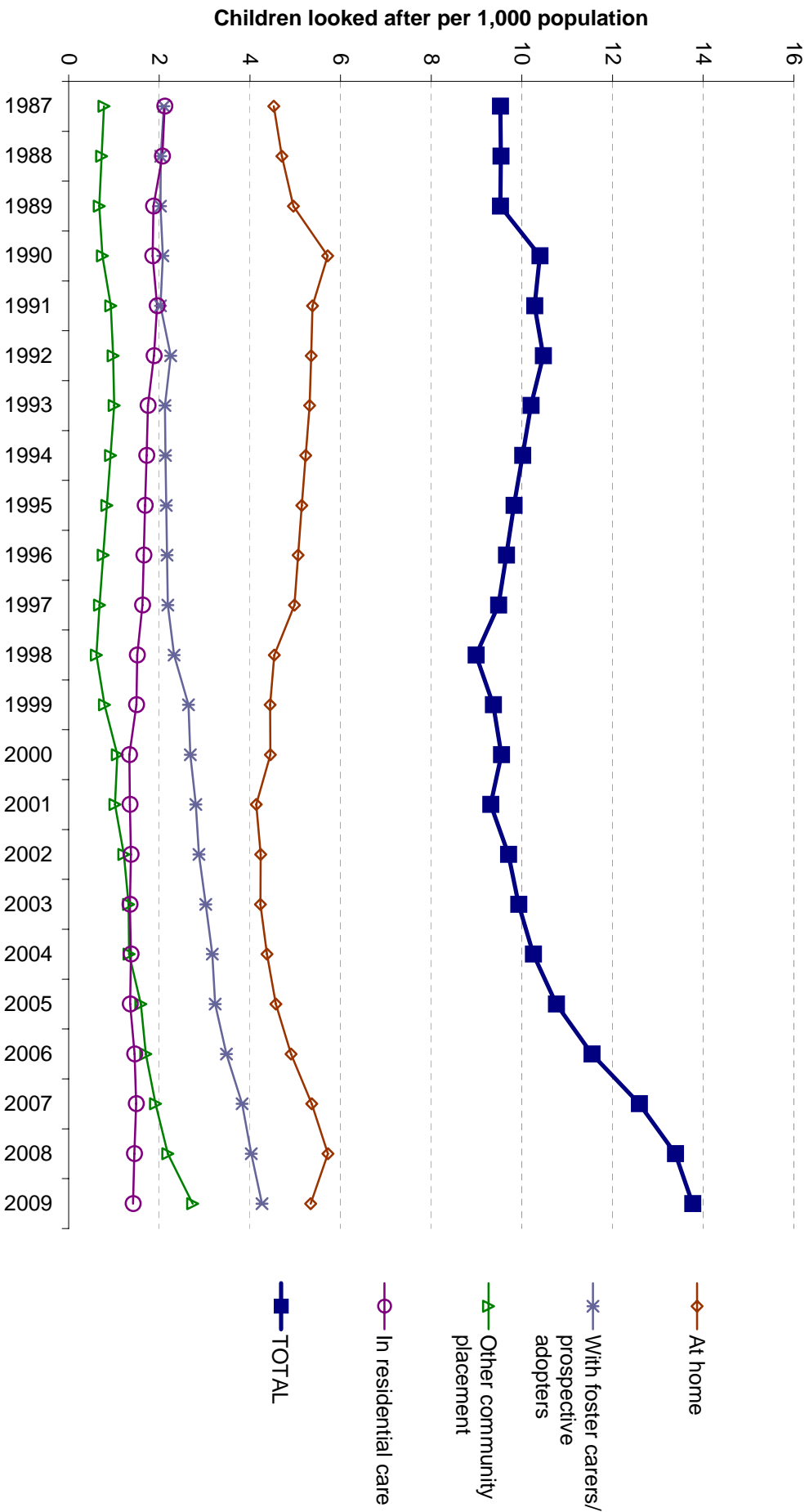
- East Ayrshire were unable to provide information on the stability of placements (table 1.9). The total number of children for East Ayrshire has been recorded as “Not known” in this table.
  - Glasgow were unable to provide any information on legal reasons relating to children looked after during the 2008-09 reporting period. In tables 1.4 and 1.14 the total number of children for Glasgow has been recorded as “Not known”. This also affects tables 1.5-1.7, where the table totals exclude any figures from Glasgow.
  - West Dunbartonshire were unable to provide any information on the number of children eligible for aftercare services on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. Figures for 2007-08 have been carried forward for these tables.
- 8 Figures previously published for 2007-08 have been revised to include amendments that a few local authorities provided after the 2007-08 publication. Changes to the data are described in paragraphs 19 to 20 in the Revisions to 2007-08 Data section above. A full set of revised tables can be found on the publications page at [www.scotland.gov.uk/childrenstats](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/childrenstats) .
  - 9 Tables 1.4, 1.14 and 2.2 show numbers of children looked after under “other” statute. Examples of “other” include external housing support, English statutes, and the following sections from the Children (Scotland) Act 1995: 38(a)(1); 29;33;56(4)(b); 70(3)(b); 66(1); 22.
  - 10 Tables 1.8, 1.22, 2.3 and 3.3 show number of children looked after by accommodation. “Other community” includes supported accommodation/semi-independent living, supported tenancy, own tenancy/independent living, hostel, “Leaving Care Services”, placed with carers from adult services, and “throughcare and aftercare”. “Other residential” includes close support unit, intensive support unit, residential units outwith the local authority, homeless unit, private or NHS home, emergency accommodation, hospital, Spark of Genius, Quarriers, residential home, and other specific residential establishments and purchased placements.
  - 11 Tables 1.16, 1.23 and 2.6 show number of children by destination on discharge. Examples of ‘other’ include emergency accommodation, temporary accommodation, and offenders hostel.
  - 12 Tables 1.23-1.28 and 3.6 show young people eligible for aftercare services. Local authorities have a duty to provide advice, guidance and assistance for young people who have ceased to be looked after over minimum school leaving age. A young person is eligible to aftercare services if they are being compulsorily supported (over minimum school leaving age but under 19 years of age) or discretionarily supported (where a young person is between 19 and 21 years). For full details of young people’s eligibility for aftercare, see regulations and guidance at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2004/03/19113/34719> .
  - 13 Tables 1.29, 1.30 and 2.8 show children and young people looked after in a planned series of short term placements. Where, for the purposes of respite, a child stays away from home for a continuous period of more than 24hrs, he or she is being provided with accommodation and the local authority has additional duties towards him or her as a child who is looked after by them. In order to safeguard and promote the welfare of children while they are placed for respite away from their own homes, a series of short planned placements which include overnight stays may be treated as a single placement for the purposed of the Arrangements to Looked After Children (Scotland) Regulations 1996. This includes any children who were aged under 18 year on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 who had a current plan, even if they were not actually accommodated on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.
  - 14 For a full list of categories and classifications, please refer to Annexes A to D.



- 15 No information on qualifications of care leavers was collected this year. This is because improvements have been made in the way information on looked after children is collected, which will enable more accurate figures on attainment of looked after children to be produced in the future. In September 2009 the New Reporting Framework for the Educational Outcomes of Scotland's Looked After Children and Young People was published. A copy can be found by following this link: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/284726/0086480.pdf> . This new framework will report on the educational attainment of looked after children and will contain information on qualifications, attainment and exclusions. The first report containing this information is planned to be published in April 2011, and will contain statistics on the educational outcomes of looked after children relating to the 2009-10 academic year.
- 16 Work is currently underway between the Scottish Government and administrations from England, Wales and Northern Ireland to document clearly the differences between each administration's Looked After Children Statistics and to scope out the feasibility and need for a comparable dataset. Further developments from this work will be published on the Scottish Government Childrens Statistics web site at: [www.scotland.gov.uk/childrenstats](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/childrenstats).
- 17 This is a National Statistics publication. National Statistics are produced to high professional standards set out in the National Statistics Code of Practice. They undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure that they meet customer needs. They are produced free from any political interference. For more information on National Statistics and the National Statistics Code of Practice please visit: <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/> .
- 18 Children Looked After Statistics was confirmed by the UK Statistics Authority as National Statistics following assessment in 2009, subject to the requirements set out in the assessment report. The report (Assessment Report 14) can be found at: <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/assessment-reports/index.html> .
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- 21 If you would like to be consulted about new or existing statistical collections or receive notification of forthcoming statistical publications, please register your interest on the Scottish Government ScotStat website at [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/scotstat](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/scotstat) .



Chart 1 : Children looked after per 1,000 of 0-18 population by type of placement, March 1987-2009



**Chart 2: Children looked after in the community by type of accommodation on 31st March, 2001-2009**

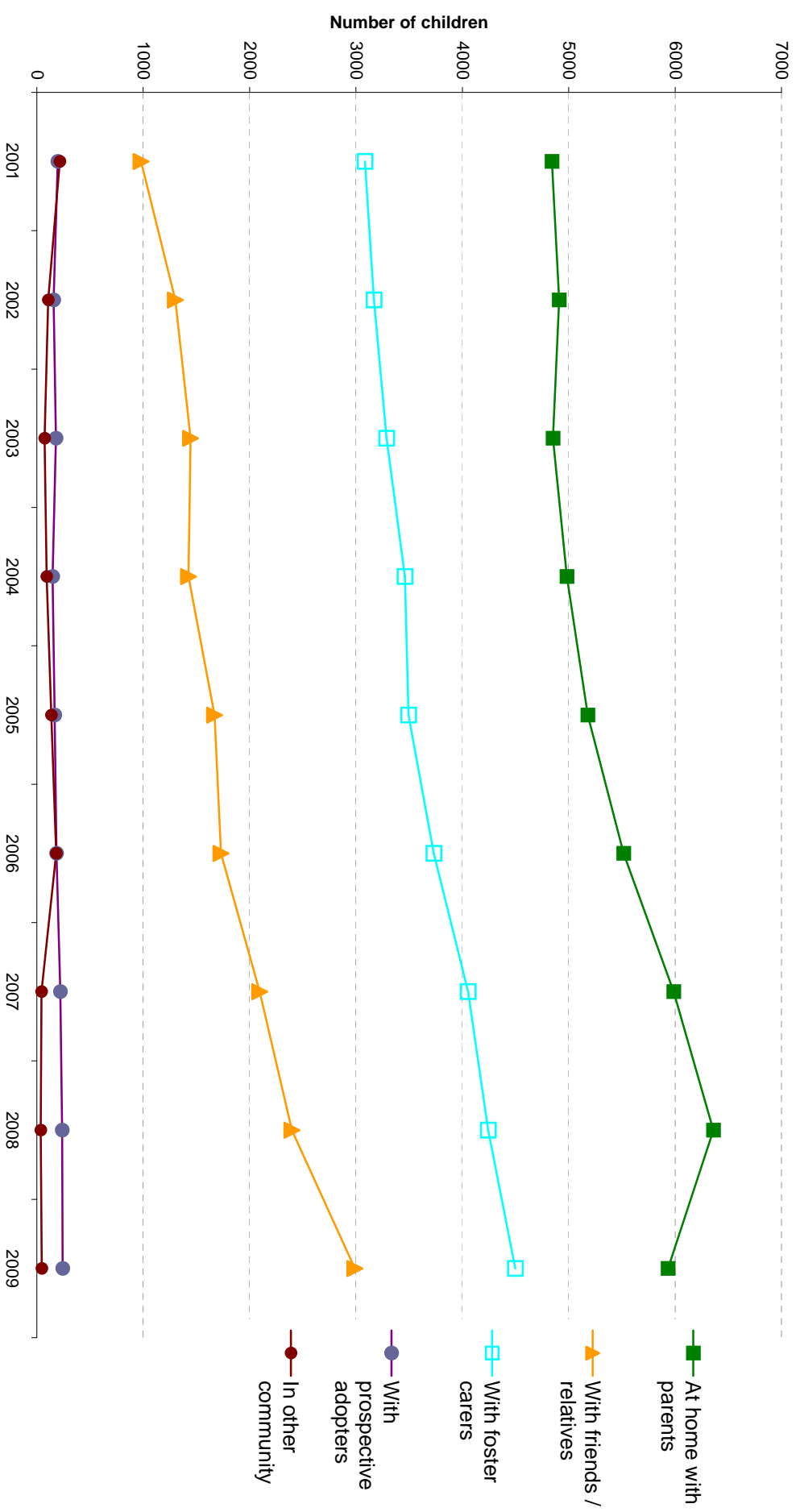
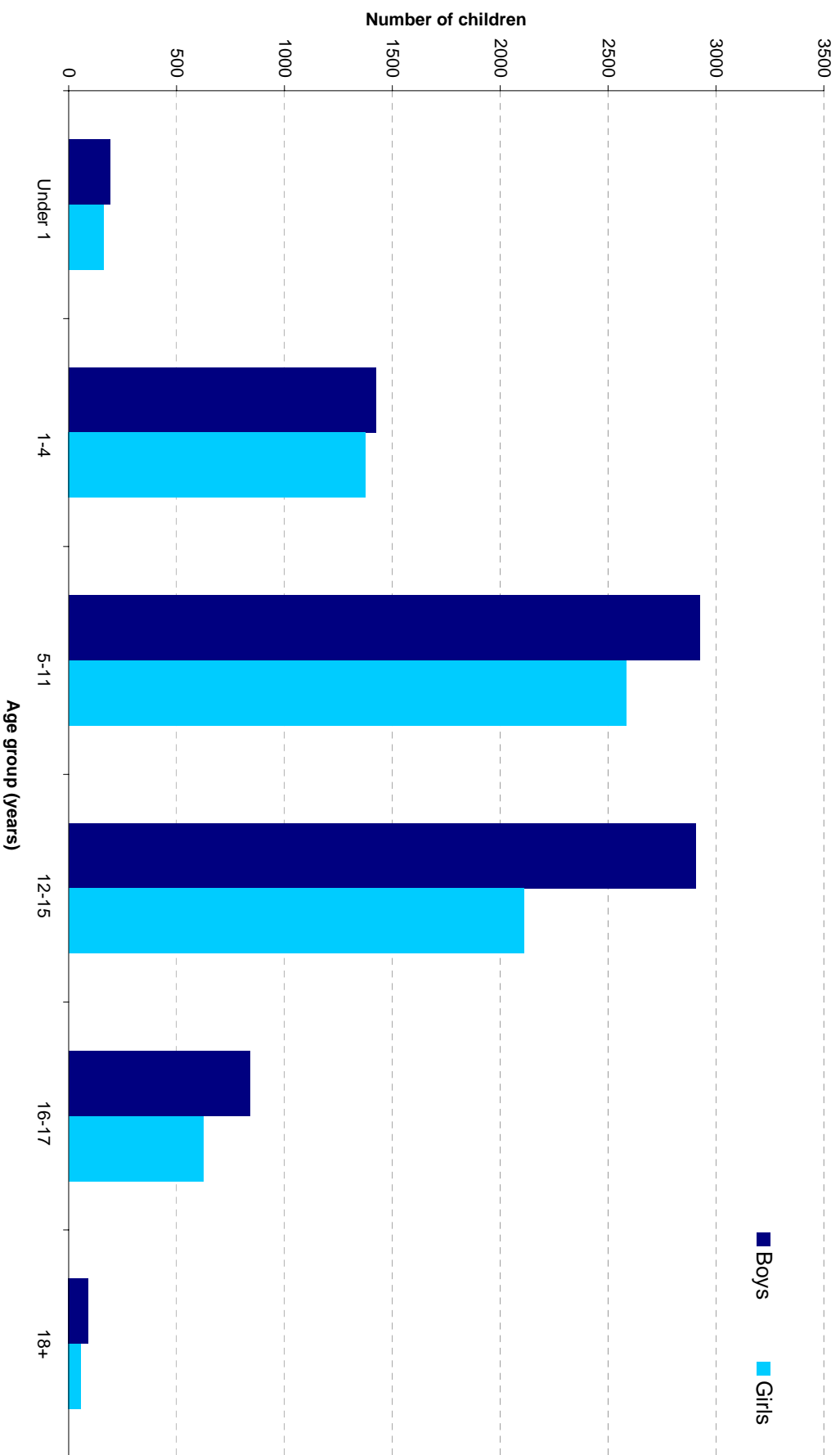
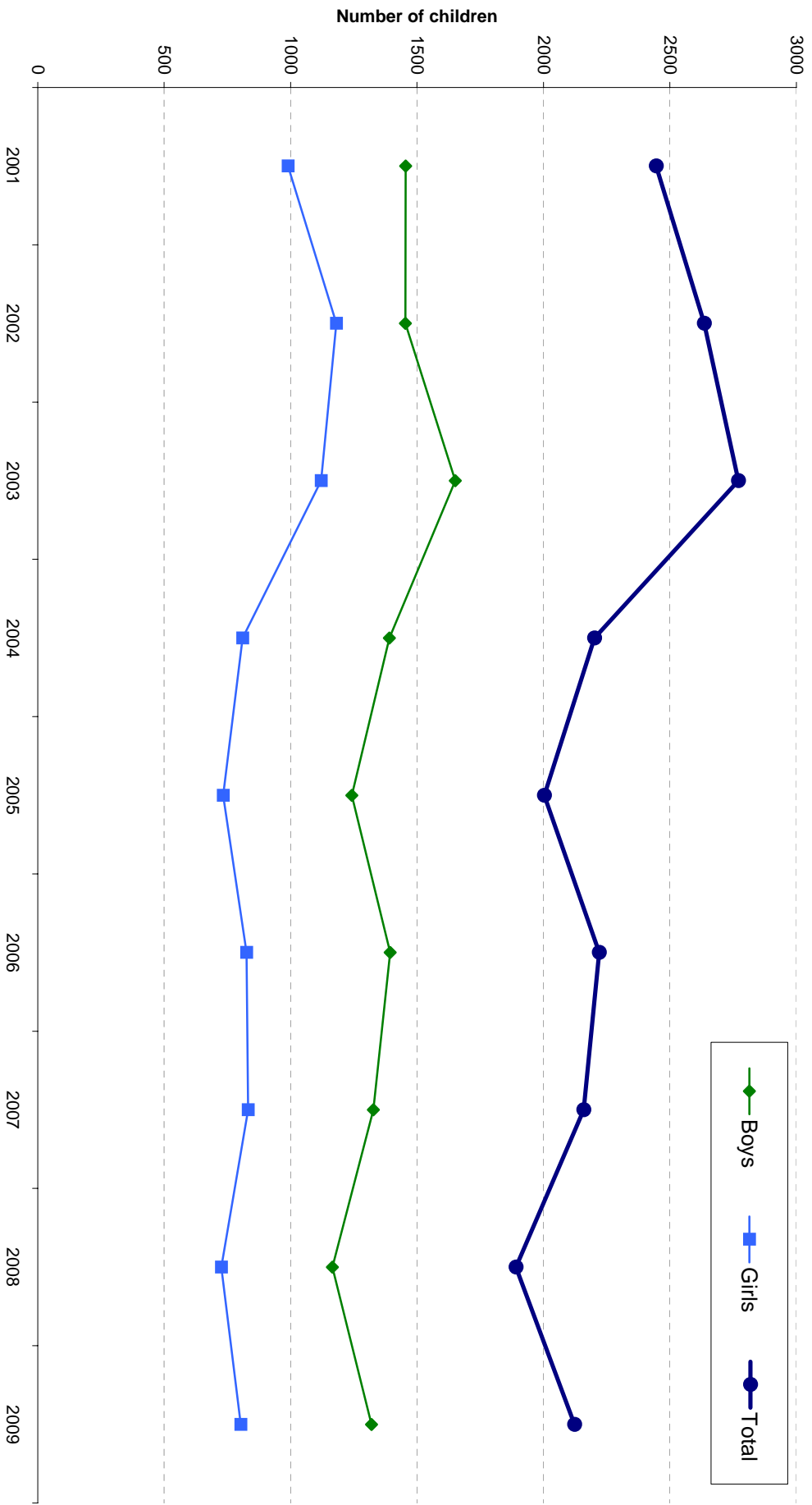


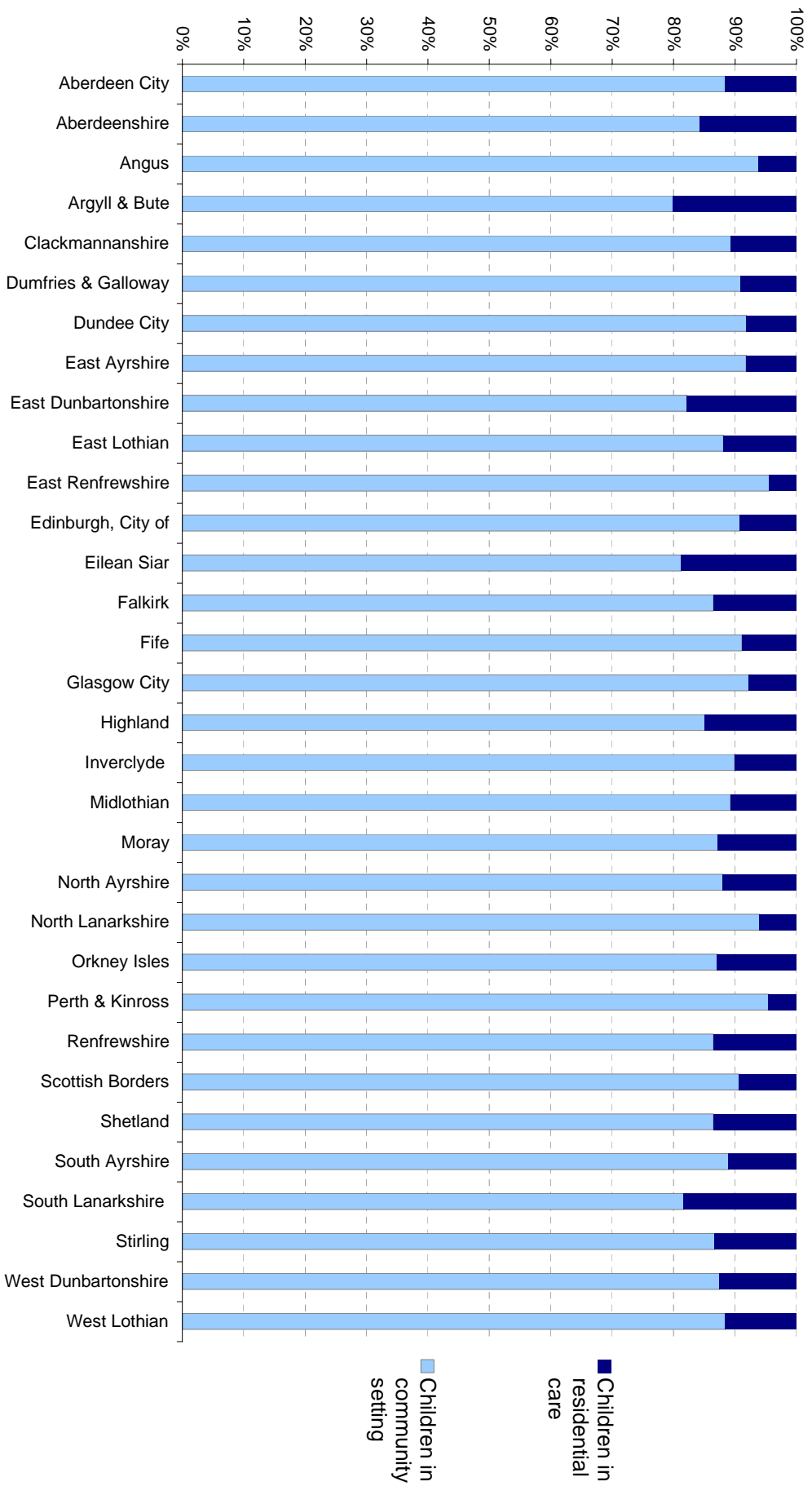
Chart 3: Children looked after on 31st March 2009 by age and gender



**Chart 4: Children looked after on a current planned series of short term placements on 31st March, 2001-2009**



**Chart 5: Percentage of looked after children in residential and community placements on 31st March 2009 by local authority**



**Table 1.1: Children looked after at 31st March 2009 by age group and gender**

	Age at 31st March 2009						<b>Total</b>
	Under 1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16-17	18-21	
Male	193	1,424	2,924	2,907	838	91	<b>8,377</b>
Female	163	1,376	2,585	2,108	622	57	<b>6,911</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>5,509</b>	<b>5,015</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>15,288</b>

Notes:

Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

The 18-21 category in this table includes a small number of looked after young people who were over 21yrs

**Table 1.2: Children looked after at 31st March 2009 by ethnic group**

Ethnic Group	
White	13,918
Mixed Ethnicity	238
Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British	83
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	57
Other Ethnic Background	54
Not disclosed	93
Not known	845
<b>Total looked after children</b>	<b>15,288</b>

Note: Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

**Table 1.3: Children looked after at 31st March 2009 by disability status**

Main Disability	
Specific learning difficulties	33
Mental health problem	29
Autistic spectrum disorder	113
Hearing impairment	20
Language and communication disorder	49
Physical or motor impairment	80
Visual impairment	35
Social, emotional and behavioural difficulties	644
Learning disability	277
Combined sight and hearing loss (deafblind)	0
Other chronic illness/disability	122
Multiple disabilities	239
No disabilities	12,185
Not known	1,462
<b>Total looked after children</b>	<b>15,288</b>

Notes:

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**Table 1.4: Children looked after at 31st March 2009 by current statute and length of time under current statute**

Statute Group	Time in statute group at 31st March 2009					Total children
	< 6 months	6 months to < 1 year	1 year to < 2 years	2 years to < 5 years	At least 5 years	
Accommodated under Section 25	387	225	189	226	146	1,173
Parental Responsibilities Order	38	40	75	159	108	420
Supervision Requirement at Home	1,447	1,107	1,110	795	209	4,668
Supervision Requirement away from Home (excluding Residential Establishment)	995	740	890	1,118	352	4,095
Supervision Requirement away from Home (in a Residential Establishment but excluding Secure)	216	168	201	197	44	826
Supervision Requirement away from Home with a Secure Condition	35	16	7	12	3	73
Warrant	242	37	14	17	4	314
Child Protection Measure	47	9	13	9	4	82
Criminal Court Provision	4	4	4	1	0	13
Freed for Adoption	41	28	23	29	22	143
Permanence Order	0	1	1	1	0	3
Permanence Order with Authority to Place for Adoption	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other	94	55	16	16	16	197
Not known	334	355	655	1,097	839	3,280
<b>Total looked after children</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>2,785</b>	<b>3,198</b>	<b>3,677</b>	<b>1,748</b>	<b>15,288</b>

Notes:

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Glasgow were unable to provide information on legal statutes. The total number of looked after children in this local authority has been included under "not known"

**Table 1.5: Children looked after as at 31st March 2009 under a Parental Responsibility Order, Freed for Adoption or under a Permanency order, by age group**

Statute Group	Age group					Total
	Under 5	5-11	12-15	16-17	18-21	
Parental Responsibilities Order	11	131	181	86	11	420
Freed for Adoption	57	64	14	8	0	143
Permanence Order	1	0	2	0	0	3
Permanence Order with Authority to Place for Adoption	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>567</b>

Notes:

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Glasgow were unable to provide information on legal statutes in 2008-09 and so the figures in this table exclude Glasgow

The 18-21 category in this table includes a small number of looked after young people who were over 21yrs

**Table 1.6: Children looked after as at 31st March 2009 under a Parental Responsibility Order, Freed for Adoption or under a Permanency order, by ethnic group**

Statute Group	Ethnicity				Total
	White	Other	Not disclosed	Not known	
Parental Responsibilities Order	394	*	0	*	420
Freed for Adoption	129	1	0	13	143
Permanence Order	*	0	0	*	3
Permanence Order with Authority to Place for Adoption	*	*	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>567</b>

Notes:

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Cells containing \* represent numbers that are suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

Glasgow were unable to provide information on legal statutes in 2008-09 and so the figures in this table exclude Glasgow

\*Other \* includes Mixed ethnicity, Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British, Black, Black Scottish or Black British and Other Ethnic Background

**Table 1.7: Children looked after as at 31st March 2009 under a Parental Responsibility Order, Freed for Adoption or under a Permanency order, by disability status**

Statute Group	Disability			Total
	Disability	No disability	Not known	
Parental Responsibilities Order	62	327	31	420
Freed for Adoption	*	116	*	143
Permanence Order	0	*	*	3
Permanence Order with Authority to Place for Adoption	*	*	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>567</b>

Notes:

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Cells containing \* represent numbers that are suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

Glasgow were unable to provide information on legal statutes in 2008-09 and so the figures in this table exclude Glasgow



**Table 1.8: Children looked after at 31st March 2009 by type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	Age Group					Total
	Under 5	5-11	12-15	16-17	18-21	
<b>In the community:-</b>						
At home with parents	995	2,026	2,301	572	38	5,932
With friends/relatives	809	1,377	654	136	14	2,990
With foster carers provided by LA	1,031	1,440	818	256	47	3,592
With foster carers purchased by LA	164	416	256	63	6	905
With prospective adopters	141	93	6	2	0	242
In other community	4	6	6	27	4	47
<b>Residential Accommodation:-</b>						
In local authority home	1	41	391	168	11	612
In voluntary home	1	27	72	29	8	137
In residential school	0	67	379	139	13	598
In secure accommodation	0	3	68	30	1	102
Crisis care	2	5	7	4	0	18
In other residential	8	8	57	34	6	113
<b>Total looked after children</b>	<b>3,156</b>	<b>5,509</b>	<b>5,015</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>15,288</b>

Note: Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.  
The 18-21 category in this table includes a small number of looked after young people who were over 21yrs

**Table 1.9: Children looked after away from home at 31st March 2009 by number of placements and length of time looked after**

Length of time looked after at 31st March 2009	Number of placements away from home during current episode of being looked after										Total	
	1 placement	2 placements	3 placements	4 placements	5 placements	6 placements	7 placements	8 placements	9 placements	10 or more placements		Not known
Under 6 weeks	250	28	28	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	281
6 weeks to under 6 months	650	123	123	26	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	810
6 months to under 1 year	708	220	220	71	27	6	0	1	0	0	0	1,034
1 year to under 2 years	997	420	420	163	55	41	11	7	3	2	1	1,700
2 years to under 5 years	1,282	783	783	409	229	143	70	39	25	11	13	3,004
5 years to under 8 years	388	291	291	219	159	85	65	38	29	16	32	1,322
8 years to under 10 years	130	90	90	65	70	45	28	21	14	6	16	485
10 years to under 15 years	79	67	67	58	47	40	28	28	9	10	20	380
15 years or more	8	7	7	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	24
Not known												316
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,492</b>	<b>2,029</b>	<b>2,029</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>9,356</b>

Notes:  
Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.  
East Ayrshire were unable to provide figures on the number of placements and length of time looked after. The total for East Ayrshire has been included in the "Not known" category.  
Due to some local authority reporting systems the number of placements for some looked after children may be slightly over-reported in this table

**Table 1.10: Children looked after at 31st March 2009 with and without a current care plan**

	Looked after at home	Looked after away from home	Total
With a current care plan	5,551	8,832	14,383
Without a current care plan	381	524	905
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,932</b>	<b>9,356</b>	<b>15,288</b>

Note: Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

**Table 1.11: Children starting to be looked after during 2008-09 by age group and gender**

	Age on starting to be looked after						Total
	Under 1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16-17	18-21	
Boys	323	579	830	994	33	3	<b>2,762</b>
Girls	317	558	732	802	22	1	<b>2,432</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>1,796</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5,194</b>

Notes:

Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

Figures include all episodes of starting to be looked after (i.e. a child may be counted more than once).

The 18-21 category in this table includes a small number of looked after young people who were over 21yrs

**Table 1.12: Children starting to be looked after during 2008-09 by ethnic origin**

Ethnic Group	
White	4,520
Mixed Ethnicity	84
Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British	38
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	39
Other Ethnic Background	36
Not disclosed	79
Not known	398
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,194</b>

Notes:

Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

Figures include all episodes of starting to be looked after (i.e. a child may be counted more than once).

**Table 1.13: Children starting to be looked after during 2008-09 by disability status**

Main Disability	
Specific learning difficulties	6
Mental Health problem	12
Autistic spectrum disorder	21
Hearing impairment	6
Language and communication disorder	10
Physical or motor impairment	18
Visual impairment	7
Social, emotional and behavioural difficulties	120
Learning disability	59
Combined Sight and Hearing Loss (deafblind)	0
Other chronic illness/disability	30
Multiple disabilities	58
No disabilities	4,215
Not known	632
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,194</b>

Notes:

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Figures include all episodes of starting to be looked after (i.e. a child may be counted more than once).

**Table 1.14: Children starting to be looked after during 2008-09 by first statutory reason for being looked after**

Statute group	
Accommodated under Section 25	1,097
Parental Responsibilities Order	35
Supervision Requirement at Home	1,990
Supervision Requirement away from Home (excluding Residential Establishment)	426
Supervision Requirement away from Home (in a Residential Establishment but excluding Secure)	75
Supervision Requirement away from Home with a Secure Condition	8
Warrant	354
Child Protection Measure	343
Criminal Court Provision	3
Freed for Adoption	0
Permanence Order	0
Permanence Order with Authority to Place for Adoption	0
Other	85
Not known	778
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,194</b>

Notes:

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Figures include all episodes of starting to be looked after (i.e. a child may be counted more than once).

Glasgow were unable to provide information on legal statutes. The total number of looked after children in this local authority has been included in the "not known" category,

**Table 1.15: Children ceasing to be looked after during 2008-09 by age group and gender**

Gender	Ages of children at time of ceasing to be looked after						Total
	Under 1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16-17	18-21	
Boys	68	392	570	562	724	72	<b>2,388</b>
Girls	67	372	508	451	554	46	<b>1,998</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>4,386</b>

Notes:

Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

Figures include all episodes of ceasing to be looked after (i.e. a child may be counted more than once).

The 18-21 category in this table includes a small number of looked after young people who were over 21yrs

**Table 1.16: Children ceasing to be looked after during 2008-09 by destination on discharge and age**

Destination	Ages of children at time of ceasing to be looked after					Total
	Under 5	5-11	12-15	16-17	18-21	
Home with biological parents	540	741	770	722	20	<b>2,793</b>
Home with newly-adoptive parents	152	47	2	2	0	<b>203</b>
Friends / relatives	107	170	93	121	8	<b>499</b>
Own tenancy / independent living	0	0	1	78	15	<b>94</b>
Supported accommodation / semi-independent living	0	0	3	105	20	<b>128</b>
Former foster carers	13	11	9	28	10	<b>71</b>
In residential care	0	1	5	18	6	<b>30</b>
Homeless	1	0	0	22	2	<b>25</b>
In custody	0	0	1	17	1	<b>19</b>
Other destination	39	33	41	71	21	<b>205</b>
Not known	47	75	88	94	15	<b>319</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>4,386</b>

Notes:

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The 18-21 category in this table includes a small number of looked after young people who were over 21yrs

**Table 1.17: Children ceasing to be looked after during 2008-09 by ethnic origin**

Ethnic Group	
White	3,860
Mixed Ethnicity	46
Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British	30
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	25
Other Ethnic Background	20
Not disclosed	47
Not known	358
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,386</b>

Notes:

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Figures include all episodes of ceasing to be looked after (i.e. a child may be counted more than once).

**Table 1.18: Children ceasing to be looked after during 2008-09 by disability status**

Main Disability	
Specific learning difficulties	11
Mental Health problem	*
Autistic spectrum disorder	11
Hearing impairment	10
Language and communication disorder	11
Physical or motor impairment	14
Visual impairment	*
Social, emotional and behavioural difficulties	143
Learning disability	59
Combined Sight and Hearing Loss (deafblind)	0
Other chronic illness/disability	26
Multiple disabilities	47
No disabilities	3,493
Not known	553
<b>Total looked after children</b>	<b>4,386</b>

Notes:

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Figures include all episodes of ceasing to be looked after (i.e. a child may be counted more than once).

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**Table 1.19: Children ceasing to be looked after during 2008-09 by age group and length of time looked after**

Length of time looked after	Ages of children at time of ceasing to be looked after						Total
	Under 1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16-17	18-21	
Under 6 weeks	63	102	132	102	8	1	<b>408</b>
6 weeks to under 6 months	42	70	68	98	51	4	<b>333</b>
6 months to under 1 year	30	115	182	244	192	3	<b>766</b>
1 year to under 3 years	-	395	381	377	549	10	<b>1,712</b>
3 years to under 5 years	-	82	212	108	228	22	<b>652</b>
5 years to under 10 years	-	-	103	75	198	36	<b>412</b>
10 years and over	-	-	0	9	52	42	<b>103</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>4,386</b>

Notes:

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The 18-21 category in this table includes a small number of looked after young people who were over 21yrs

**Table 1.20: Young people ceasing to be looked after during 2008-09 who were beyond minimum school-leaving age on date they ceased to be looked after - with a pathway plan, and with a nominated pathway co-ordinator**

	Number			Percentage		
	Looked after at home	Looked after away from home	Total	Looked after at home	Looked after away from home	Total
With a pathway plan on date of discharge	184	371	555	26	56	40
Without a pathway plan on date of discharge	533	288	821	74	44	60
With a nominated pathway co-ordinator on date of discharge	198	382	580	28	58	42
Without a nominated pathway co-ordinator on date of discharge	519	277	796	72	42	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Notes:

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Figures include all episodes of ceasing to be looked after beyond minimum school leaving age (i.e. a child may be counted more than once).

**Table 1.21: Young people ceasing to be looked after during 2008-09 who were beyond minimum school-leaving age on date they ceased to be looked after - by age group and destination on discharge**

Destination on discharge	Age at time of ceasing to be looked after			Total
	15-16	17	18-21	
Home with (biological) parents	568	134	20	722
Home with newly adoptive parents	*	*	0	2
With friends/relatives	87	33	8	128
Own tenancy/ independent living	45	33	15	93
Supported accommodation/ semi-independent living	68	35	20	123
Former foster carers	11	17	10	38
In residential care	8	10	6	24
Homeless	16	*	*	23
In custody	*	6	*	18
Other destination	56	21	21	98
Not known	64	28	15	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>1,376</b>

Notes:

Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

Figures include all episodes of ceasing to be looked after beyond minimum school leaving age (i.e. a child may be counted more than once).

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The 18-21 category in this table includes a small number of looked after young people who were over 21yrs

**Table 1.22: Young people ceasing to be looked after during 2008-09 who were above school leaving age on date they ceased to be looked after - by final accommodation type and destination on discharge**

Final accommodation type	Destination on discharge											Total
	Home with (biological) parents	Home with newly-adoptive parents	Friends/relatives	Own tenancy / independent living	Supported accommodation / semi-independent living	Former foster carers	In residential care	Homeless	In custody	Other Destination	Not known	
<b>In the community:-</b>												
At home with parents	559	1	16	13	20	4	0	9	6	23	66	717
With friends/relatives	38	0	74	7	8	2	1	1	0	10	9	150
With foster carers provided by LA	29	1	12	21	15	23	1	3	1	34	14	154
With foster carers purchased by LA	7	0	3	5	2	4	0	0	1	3	0	25
With prospective adopters	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
In other community	15	0	4	7	17	0	2	2	0	0	2	49
<b>Residential Accommodation:-</b>												
In local authority home	25	0	11	25	33	3	11	4	1	13	8	134
In voluntary home	3	0	1	2	5	0	0	1	0	0	2	14
In residential school	34	0	1	8	15	2	8	1	2	7	2	80
In secure accommodation	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	5	3	1	18
Crisis care	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	7
In other residential	7	0	2	2	5	0	1	1	2	3	3	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,376</b>

Notes:

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Figures include all episodes of ceasing to be looked after beyond minimum school leaving age (i.e. a child may be counted more than once).

**Table 1.23: Young people eligible for aftercare services on 31st March 2009, by age and type of accommodation**

Accommodation arrangements on 31 March 2009	Age on 31 March 2009				Total	Percentage of all young people eligible for aftercare	Percentage of young people receiving aftercare with known accommodation
	15-16	17	18	19-21			
Home with (biological) parents	105	129	127	123	484	14	22
Home with newly-adoptive parents	1	0	*	*	3	0	0
Friends / relatives	25	63	63	70	221	6	10
Own tenancy / independent living	36	119	178	397	730	21	34
Supported accommodation / semi-independent living	52	112	96	114	374	11	17
Former foster carers	7	8	13	31	59	2	3
In residential care	22	11	*	*	40	1	2
Homeless	17	22	27	38	104	3	5
In custody	6	21	22	46	95	3	4
Other destination	10	7	19	18	54	2	2
Not known	16	41	41	66	164	5	
Not receiving aftercare	262	381	405	76	1,124	33	
<b>Total</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>3,452</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Notes:

Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10

West Dunbartonshire were unable to provide aftercare figures for 2008-09. 2007-08 figures have been carried forward in this table

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The "Not receiving aftercare" category is new for 2008-09. This category replaces the "No longer in touch" category reported in previous years.

**Table 1.24: Young people eligible for aftercare services on 31st March 2009, by age and economic activity**

Economic activity on 31 March 2009	Age on 31 March 2009				Total	Percentage of all young people eligible for aftercare	Percentage of young people receiving aftercare with known economic activity
	15-16	17	18	19-21			
<b>In education, training or employment</b>							
In higher education	13	*	*	33	68	2	4
In education other than HE	35	50	46	49	180	5	10
In training or employment	47	77	96	175	395	11	22
<b>Not in education, training or employment</b>							
- due to short term illness	0	*	*	10	22	1	1
- due to long term illness or disability	0	*	*	34	44	1	2
- due to looking after family	2	25	17	68	112	3	6
- due to other circumstances	120	262	266	352	1,000	29	55
Not known	80	109	132	186	507	15	
Not receiving aftercare	262	381	405	76	1,124	33	
<b>Total</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>3,452</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Percentage in employment, education or training</b>							
<i>As percentage of all young people eligible for aftercare</i>	17	14	16	26	19		
<i>As percentage of young people receiving aftercare with known economic activity</i>	44	31	35	36	35		

Notes:

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West Dunbartonshire were unable to provide aftercare figures for 2008-09. 2007-08 figures have been carried forward in this table for this authority

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Due to rounding, the totals for percentages may not equal the sum of their parts

The "Not receiving aftercare" category is new for 2008-09. This category replaces the "No longer in touch" category reported in previous years.

**Table 1.25: Young people eligible for aftercare services on 31st March 2009, by gender and economic activity**

Economic activity on 31st March 2009	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
<b>In education, training or employment</b>			
In higher education	27	41	<b>68</b>
In education other than HE	86	94	<b>180</b>
In training or employment	218	177	<b>395</b>
<b>Not in education, training or employment</b>			
- due to short term illness	4	18	<b>22</b>
- due to long term illness or disability	19	25	<b>44</b>
- due to looking after family	6	106	<b>112</b>
- due to other circumstances	580	420	<b>1,000</b>
Don't know economic activity	282	225	<b>507</b>
Not receiving aftercare	705	419	<b>1,124</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>1,525</b>	<b>3,452</b>
<b>Percentage in employment, education or training</b>			
<i>As percentage of all young people eligible for aftercare</i>	17	20	<b>19</b>
<i>As percentage of young people receiving aftercare with known economic activity</i>	35	35	<b>35</b>

Notes:

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The "Not receiving aftercare" category is new for 2008-09. This category replaces the "No longer in touch" category reported in previous years.

**Table 1.26: Young people eligible for aftercare services on 31st March 2009, by ethnic group and economic activity**

Economic activity on 31st March 2009	Ethnicity						Total
	White	Mixed Ethnicity	Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British	Black, Black Scottish or Black British	Other Ethnic Background	Not known / not disclosed	
<b>In education, training or employment</b>							
In higher education	56	0	*	*	0	6	<b>68</b>
In education other than HE	131	*	*	15	9	18	<b>180</b>
In training or employment	360	*	*	6	*	19	<b>395</b>
<b>Not in education, training or employment</b>							
- due to short term illness	22	0	0	0	0	0	<b>22</b>
- due to long term illness or disability	41	0	*	*	0	*	<b>44</b>
- due to looking after family	108	0	*	0	0	*	<b>112</b>
- due to other circumstances	969	*	0	*	6	17	<b>1,000</b>
Don't know economic activity	432	0	*	*	*	63	<b>507</b>
Not receiving aftercare	1,036	7	8	6	9	58	<b>1,124</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,155</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>3,452</b>
<b>Percentage in employment, education or training</b>							
<i>As percentage of all young people eligible for aftercare</i>	17	39	41	65	39	23	<b>19</b>
<i>As percentage of young people receiving aftercare with known economic activity</i>	32	64	90	86	68	65	<b>35</b>

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The "Not receiving aftercare" category is new for 2008-09. This category replaces the "No longer in touch" category reported in previous years.



**Table 1.27: Young people eligible for aftercare services on 31st March 2009, by disability status and economic activity**

Economic activity on 31st March 2009	Disability			Total
	Disability	No disability	Unknown	
<b>In education, training or employment</b>				
In higher education	*	46	*	<b>68</b>
In education other than HE	28	103	49	<b>180</b>
In training or employment	44	236	115	<b>395</b>
<b>Not in education, training or employment</b>				
- due to short term illness	*	15	*	<b>22</b>
- due to long term illness or disability	17	15	12	<b>44</b>
- due to looking after family	14	77	21	<b>112</b>
- due to other circumstances	154	680	166	<b>1,000</b>
Don't know economic activity	68	191	248	<b>507</b>
Not receiving aftercare	109	787	228	<b>1,124</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>3,452</b>
<b>Percentage in employment, education or training</b>				
<i>As percentage of all young people eligible for aftercare</i>	17	18	21	19
<i>As percentage of young people receiving aftercare with known economic activity</i>	28	33	48	35

Notes:

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The "Not receiving aftercare" category is new for 2008-09. This category replaces the "No longer in touch" category reported in previous years.

**Table 1.28: Young people eligible for aftercare services on 31st March 2009 - episodes of homelessness since becoming eligible for aftercare services**

Number of episodes of homelessness	Number	Percentage
Never homeless	1,905	55
One or more spell of homelessness	422	12
Not known	1	0
Not receiving aftercare	1,124	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,452</b>	<b>100</b>

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The "Not receiving aftercare" category is new for 2008-09. This category replaces the "No longer in touch" category reported in previous years.

**Table 1.29: All children with a current planned series of short term placements at 31st March 2009 by age group and gender**

Age at 31st March	Age-group					Total
	Under 1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16-17	
Boys	14	104	542	453	207	<b>1,320</b>
Girls	8	91	336	257	111	<b>803</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>2,123</b>

Note: Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

**Table 1.30: All children with a current planned series of short term placements at 31st March 2009 by type of placement**

Type of placement	Number of children	Percentage
Residential establishment	1,008	47
Hospital	25	1
Foster placement	655	31
Other placement	435	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,123</b>	<b>100</b>

Note: Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

**Table 2.1: Number of children looked after and number of children starting to be looked after 2001-2009 by age and gender**

Age/gender	Children looked after on 31st March....									Percentage of 2009 total	Children looked after as a percentage of the population
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009		
<b>Male</b>											
Under 1	101	99	104	122	141	126	150	175	193	2	0.6
1-4	890	957	926	975	995	1,093	1,211	1,335	1,424	17	1.2
5-11	1,968	2,081	2,144	2,192	2,269	2,451	2,645	2,872	2,924	35	1.5
12-15	2,577	2,548	2,498	2,489	2,481	2,595	2,659	2,783	2,907	35	2.3
16-17	756	801	811	793	849	854	948	918	838	10	1.2
18-21						107	174	170	59	1	0.0
Not known					1	0	0	0	32	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,291</b>	<b>6,486</b>	<b>6,483</b>	<b>6,571</b>	<b>6,736</b>	<b>7,226</b>	<b>7,787</b>	<b>8,253</b>	<b>8,377</b>	<b>100</b>	
<b>Female</b>											
Under 1	92	84	77	125	106	140	134	151	163	2	0.6
1-4	722	811	841	873	957	1,005	1,171	1,251	1,376	20	1.3
5-11	1,554	1,701	1,771	1,873	1,987	2,044	2,149	2,383	2,585	37	1.4
12-15	1,674	1,676	1,617	1,687	1,806	1,929	2,087	2,075	2,108	31	1.8
16-17	564	483	599	546	592	525	610	687	622	9	1.0
18-21						113	122	88	29	0	0.1
Not known					0	0	0	0	28	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,606</b>	<b>4,755</b>	<b>4,905</b>	<b>5,104</b>	<b>5,448</b>	<b>5,756</b>	<b>6,273</b>	<b>6,635</b>	<b>6,911</b>	<b>100</b>	
<b>All people</b>											
Under 1	193	183	181	247	247	266	284	326	356	2	0.6
1-4	1,612	1,768	1,768	1,848	1,952	2,098	2,382	2,586	2,800	18	1.3
5-11	3,522	3,781	3,914	4,065	4,257	4,495	4,794	5,255	5,509	36	1.4
12-15	4,251	4,224	4,115	4,176	4,287	4,524	4,746	4,858	5,015	33	2.1
16-17	1,319	1,284	1,410	1,339	1,441	1,379	1,558	1,605	1,460	10	1.1
18-21						220	296	258	88	1	0.1
Not known					1	0	0	0	60	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,897</b>	<b>11,241</b>	<b>11,388</b>	<b>11,675</b>	<b>12,185</b>	<b>12,982</b>	<b>14,060</b>	<b>14,888</b>	<b>15,288</b>	<b>100</b>	

Age/gender	Children starting to be looked after in year ending 31st March...									Percentage of 2009 total
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
<b>Male</b>										
Under 1	127	139	146	179	218	220	207	280	323	12
1-4	444	516	457	483	433	523	593	600	579	21
5-11	737	702	783	732	666	748	864	834	830	30
12-15	1,220	1,070	1,021	949	949	986	1,043	932	994	36
16-17	192	210	163	142	100	140	164	133	33	1
18-21						9	7	2	3	0
Not known					1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,720</b>	<b>2,637</b>	<b>2,570</b>	<b>2,485</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>2,626</b>	<b>2,878</b>	<b>2,781</b>	<b>2,762</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Female</b>										
Under 1	107	120	123	187	182	195	205	222	317	13
1-4	377	427	393	417	424	470	564	532	558	23
5-11	578	583	568	626	589	545	649	703	732	30
12-15	782	781	753	750	695	810	835	826	802	33
16-17	130	130	108	100	74	79	110	92	22	1
18-21						8	4	3	0	0
Not known					1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,974</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>1,943</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>1,965</b>	<b>2,107</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>2,378</b>	<b>2,432</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>All people</b>										
Under 1	234	259	268	366	400	415	412	502	640	12
1-4	821	943	850	900	857	993	1,157	1,132	1,137	22
5-11	1,315	1,285	1,350	1,357	1,255	1,293	1,513	1,537	1,562	30
12-15	2,002	1,852	1,773	1,699	1,644	1,796	1,878	1,758	1,796	35
16-17	322	340	271	242	175	219	274	225	55	1
18-21						17	11	5	3	0
Not known					2	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,694</b>	<b>4,678</b>	<b>4,513</b>	<b>4,564</b>	<b>4,333</b>	<b>4,733</b>	<b>5,245</b>	<b>5,159</b>	<b>5,194</b>	<b>100</b>

Notes: Table excludes planned series of short term placements.

Figures for 2008-09 are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

Falkirk did not provide information on children starting to be looked after in 2007-08. Falkirk's figures from 2006-07 have been incorporated into the bottom half of the table for 2007-08.

Figures for 2008 are revised.

Prior to 2008, table includes rounded estimates wherever local authorities were not able to provide information.

Prior to 2005 'unknowns' were allocated to a category rather than being reported as unknown. For this reason, totals do not always exactly equal the sum of their parts, due to rounding.

The number of looked after children aged 18+ was not asked for prior to 2006.

Bottom half of table records episodes of care which have begun. A child may start to be looked after more than once in a year and so may be counted more than once.

Changes between 2003-04 and 2004-05 are partly due to improved recording.

Rates per population are based on GRO(Scotland) 2008 mid-year population estimates. 18-21 is calculated as a percentage of 18 year olds. Total rates are calculated as a percentage of 0-18s.

The 18-21 category in this table includes a small number of looked after young people who were over 21yrs

Due to rounding, the percentage totals may not equal the sum of their parts

**Table 2.2: Number of children looked after and number of children starting to be looked after 2001-2009 by statutory reason for being looked after**

Statute group	Children looked after on 31 March...										Percentage of 2009 total
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009 total	
Accommodated under Section 25	1,250	1,326	1,288	1,299	1,283	1,238	1,250	1,328	1,173	8	
Parental Responsibilities Order	395	348	362	336	298	327	411	424	420	3	
Supervision Requirement at Home	4,632	4,682	4,699	4,788	4,814	4,950	5,618	6,027	4,668	31	
Supervision Requirement Away from Home (excluding Residential Establishment)	2,875	3,193	3,587	3,540	3,853	3,804	4,564	4,799	4,095	27	
Supervision Requirement Away from Home (in a Residential Establishment but excluding Secure)	959	1,006	817	805	824	824	866	892	826	5	
Warrant	78	87	56	50	48	67	69	76	73	0	
Child Protection Measure	149	180	210	286	257	324	379	342	314	2	
Criminal Court Provision	80	67	75	70	61	95	104	74	82	1	
Freed for Adoption	38	42	33	22	15	15	28	25	13	0	
Permanence Order	72	80	102	89	83	70	133	134	143	1	
Permanence Order with Authority to Place for Adoption							2	3	3	0	
Other	368	230	160	155	152	162	123	221	197	1	
Not known				236	517	1,106	512	542	3,280	21	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,897</b>	<b>11,241</b>	<b>11,388</b>	<b>11,675</b>	<b>12,185</b>	<b>12,982</b>	<b>14,060</b>	<b>14,888</b>	<b>15,288</b>	<b>100</b>	
	Children starting to be looked after in year ending 31st March....										
Statute group	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Percentage of 2009 total	
Accommodated under Section 25	1002	1,054	1,016	1,016	1,111	999	1,031	1,089	1,097	21	
Parental Responsibilities Order	8	18	17	31	9	10	3	1	35	1	
Supervision Requirement at Home	2,149	1,984	2,022	1,986	1,799	2,178	2,455	2,393	1,990	38	
Supervision Requirement Away from Home (excluding Residential Establishment)	632	860	689	716	541	549	736	656	426	8	
Supervision Requirement Away from Home (in a Residential Establishment but excluding Secure)	367	320	338	355	154	126	173	147	75	1	
Warrant	36	55	28	26	10	28	29	21	8	0	
Child Protection Measure	165	151	176	218	227	327	388	424	354	7	
Criminal Court Provision	118	105	129	133	145	194	201	204	343	7	
Freed for Adoption	17	18	35	12	13	22	10	11	3	0	
Permanence Order	7	6	13	14	9	5	5	10	0	0	
Permanence Order with Authority to Place for Adoption							0	0	0	0	
Other	194	118	52	58	122	132	23	91	85	2	
Not known					193	163	191	111	778	15	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,694</b>	<b>4,678</b>	<b>4,513</b>	<b>4,564</b>	<b>4,333</b>	<b>4,733</b>	<b>5,245</b>	<b>5,159</b>	<b>5,194</b>	<b>100</b>	

Notes: Table excludes planned series of short term placements.

Figures for 2008-09 are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

Glasgow could not provide information on legal statutes in 2008-09. Totals for Glasgow have been included in the "Not known" categories in this table.

Falkirk did not provide information on children starting to be looked after in 2007-08. Falkirk's figures from 2006-07 have been incorporated into the bottom half of the table for 2007-08.

South Lanarkshire did not provide information on statute group for children looked after on 31st March 2008. The total number of looked after children looked after in this local authority have been included as "not known", with the number under a Parental Responsibilities Order identified from Table 1.5.

Figures for 2008 are revised.

Prior to 2008 table includes estimates wherever local authorities were not able to provide information.

Prior to 2007 "Permanence Order" and "Permanence Order with Authority to Place for Adoption" were included in the "Other" category.

Prior to 2005 'unknowns' were allocated to a category rather than being reported as unknown. For this reason, totals do not always exactly equal the sum of their parts, due to rounding.

Bottom half of table records episodes of care which have begun. A child may start to be looked after more than once in a year and so may be counted more than once here.

**Table 2.3: Number of children looked after 2001-2009 by type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	Children looked after on 31 March...									Percentage of 2009 total
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
<b>In the community</b>										
At home with parents	4,842	4,909	4,851	4,982	5,179	5,517	5,986	6,360	5,932	39
With friends / relatives	980	1,303	1,445	1,426	1,671	1,731	2,094	2,399	2,990	20
With foster carers	3,084	3,170	3,288	3,461	3,493	3,731	4,055	4,243	4,497	29
With prospective adopters	196	158	180	147	167	184	220	237	242	2
In other community	215	106	73	92	136	181	44	36	47	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,315</b>	<b>9,646</b>	<b>9,838</b>	<b>10,108</b>	<b>10,646</b>	<b>11,344</b>	<b>12,399</b>	<b>13,275</b>	<b>13,708</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>In residential accommodation</b>										
In local authority home	704	717	697	721	716	737	756	702	612	4
In voluntary sector home	63	56	83	66	57	84	112	58	137	1
In residential school	684	672	640	657	618	662	628	642	598	4
In secure accommodation	87	93	92	80	82	78	113	93	102	1
Other residential accommodation	44	55	38	44	66	77	52	118	131	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>1,613</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,897</b>	<b>11,241</b>	<b>11,388</b>	<b>11,675</b>	<b>12,185</b>	<b>12,982</b>	<b>14,060</b>	<b>14,888</b>	<b>15,288</b>	<b>100</b>

Notes: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

For those children on mixed placements (for example, a child attending a residential school and living with foster carers during the weekend) the child has been entered under the dominant placement, i.e. the place where the child spends the most time.

Figures for 2009 are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

Figures for 2008 are revised

"Other residential accommodation" was replaced by "Crisis Care" on the data collection form in 2007. However, from 2008 onwards, both "Crisis Care" and "Other residential" were listed. As the definitions of these categories given in the guidance notes were inconsistent from year to year, all children included in either "Crisis Care" or "Other residential" have been included in the "Other residential" category here, and figures should be treated with caution.

Prior to 2008, table includes estimates wherever local authorities were not able to provide information.

Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

**Table 2.4: Number of children looked after 2002-2009 by ethnic origin**

Ethnicity	Children looked after on 31 March...									Percentage of 2009 total
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009		
White	11,047	11,163	11,436	10,153	10,769	11,795	12,902	13,918	91	
Mixed Ethnicity	85	100	114	95	122	137	172	238	2	
Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British	47	51	43	40	49	74	73	83	1	
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	19	21	24	31	41	48	46	57	0	
Other Ethnic Background	44	52	57	32	30	44	63	54	0	
Not disclosed/not known				1,834	1,971	1,962	1,632	938	6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,241</b>	<b>11,388</b>	<b>11,675</b>	<b>12,185</b>	<b>12,982</b>	<b>14,060</b>	<b>14,888</b>	<b>15,288</b>	<b>100</b>	

Notes: Table excludes planned series of short term placements.

Figures for 2009 are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

Figures for 2008 are revised

Prior to 2008, table includes estimates wherever local authorities were not able to provide information.

In years 2002 - 2004 children with unreported ethnic origin were allocated to an ethnic group rather than being presented as 'unknown'. For this reason, totals may not exactly equal the sum of their parts, due to rounding.

**Table 2.5: Number of children looked after 2001-2009 by disability status**

	Children looked after on 31 March...									Percentage of 2009 total
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
Specific learning difficulties										
Mental Health problem	26	19	20	24	10	15	26	17	29	0
Autistic spectrum disorder	51	68	46	64	66	74	86	93	113	1
Hearing impairment	15	20	19	24	15	22	28	26	20	0
Language and communication disorder	31	17	65	42	41	37	39	36	49	0
Physical or motor impairment	140	96	136	113	84	75	112	100	80	1
Visual impairment	46	17	14	28	22	20	26	29	35	0
Social, emotional and behavioural difficulties	1,150	1,262	802	1,120	874	718	749	633	644	4
Learning disability	302	254	268	349	265	239	232	217	277	2
Combined Sight and Hearing Loss (deafblind)							6	*	0	0
Other chronic illness/disability	109	133	135	121	84	76	147	103	122	1
Multiple disabilities	135	124	85	135	115	108	104	193	239	2
No disabilities	8,893	9,230	9,797	9,655	8,138	8,313	9,189	11,330	12,185	80
Not known					2,471	3,285	3,263	*	1,462	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,897</b>	<b>11,241</b>	<b>11,388</b>	<b>11,675</b>	<b>12,185</b>	<b>12,982</b>	<b>14,060</b>	<b>14,888</b>	<b>15,288</b>	<b>100</b>

Notes: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Figures for 2009 are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

Figures for 2008 are revised

Prior to 2008, table includes estimates wherever local authorities were not able to provide information.

In 2000 to 2004 children with unreported disability status were allocated to a group rather than being presented as 'unknown'. For this reason, some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

The definitions of some disabilities changed in 2007:

"Significant Learning Disability" was replaced by the two categories of "Specific Learning Difficulties" and "Learning Disability". For 2000-2006, all those in the "Significant Learning Disability" category have been included in the latter.

"Significant hearing impairment" was replaced by "Hearing impairment", which may cause a discontinuity in the "hearing impairment" category between 2006 and 2007.

"Significant Language and Communication Disorder" was replaced by "Language and Communication Disorder", which may cause a discontinuity in the "Language and Communication Disorder" category between 2006 and 2007.

"Significant Physical or Motor Impairment" was replaced by "Physical or Motor Impairment", which may cause a discontinuity in the "Physical or Motor Impairment" category between 2006 and 2007.

"Significant Visual Impairment" was replaced by "Visual Impairment", which may cause a discontinuity in the "Visual Impairment" category between 2006 and 2007.

The "Combined Sight and Hearing Loss (Deafblind)" category was added in 2007.

"Other Disability" was replaced by "Other Chronic Illness/Disability", which may cause a discontinuity in the "Other Chronic Illness/Disability" category between 2006 and 2007.

The "No Disability - but affected by disability" and "No disability - and not affected by disability" categories were combined into "No disabilities". For 2000-2006 the "No Disabilities" category uses the sum of these figures.

The full definitions of these disabilities can be found in the Guidance Notes accompanying the 2008-09 CLAS form at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Children/FormCLASnotes2008-09>

Cells containing \* represent numbers that are suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.



**Table 2.6: Number of children ceasing to be looked after, by destination and age, 2001-2009**

Age	Destination after leaving care	Children ceasing to be looked after in year ending 31st March....								Percentage of 2009 totals	
		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008		2009
<b>Under 5</b>											
	Home with (biological) parents	398	471	431	530	293	374	339	393	540	60
	Friends / relatives	35	71	68	81	43	61	59	71	107	12
	Former foster carers							1	7	13	1
	Adoption	53	56	54	83	58	54	73	87	152	17
	Supported accommodation / own tenancy	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	0
	Other	190	115	89	38	32	90	93	51	40	4
	Not known					160	89	143	184	47	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>5-11</b>											
	Home with (biological) parents	749	698	726	726	518	604	578	589	741	69
	Friends / relatives	69	84	103	106	72	91	98	125	170	16
	Former foster carers							2	10	11	1
	Adoption	17	30	48	72	51	52	53	47	47	4
	Supported accommodation / own tenancy	6	5	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	283	126	136	70	32	109	105	61	34	3
	Not known					214	130	193	255	75	7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>12-15</b>											
	Home with (biological) parents	856	983	850	869	591	624	572	615	770	76
	Friends / relatives	76	110	87	62	57	74	90	75	93	9
	Former foster carers							1	7	9	1
	Adoption	4	3	4	44	3	8	4	3	2	0
	Supported accommodation / own tenancy	33	10	5	21	6	13	0	7	4	0
	Other	424	175	156	69	41	109	123	68	47	5
	Not known					209	112	134	287	88	9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,393</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>16+</b>											
	Home with (biological) parents	718	770	741	776	582	592	666	739	742	53
	Friends / relatives	114	75	74	96	83	97	115	106	129	9
	Former foster carers							13	23	38	3
	Adoption	0	1	5	11	5	5	3	0	2	0
	Supported accommodation / own tenancy	302	208	187	188	173	189	206	273	218	16
	Other	410	210	267	175	95	233	211	137	158	11
	Not known					242	175	269	291	109	8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>1,483</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>1,396</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>											
	Home with (biological) parents	2,721	2,922	2,748	2,902	1,984	2,194	2,155	2,336	2,793	64
	Friends / relatives	294	340	332	345	256	323	362	377	499	11
	Former foster carers							17	47	71	2
	Adoption	74	90	111	210	117	119	133	137	203	5
	Supported accommodation / own tenancy	343	223	194	213	183	202	206	282	222	5
	Other	1,308	626	649	352	200	541	532	317	279	6
	Not known					826	506	739	1,017	319	7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>4,202</b>	<b>4,034</b>	<b>4,021</b>	<b>3,566</b>	<b>3,885</b>	<b>4,144</b>	<b>4,513</b>	<b>4,386</b>	<b>100</b>

Notes: Table excludes planned series of short term placements.

Figures for 2009 are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

Fife did not provide information on children ceasing to be looked after in 2007-08. Fife's figures from 2006-07 have been incorporated into this table for 2007-08.

South Lanarkshire did not provide information on destinations of children ceasing to be looked after in 2007-08. The total numbers of children ceasing to be looked after in this local authority in 2007-08 have been included as "not known", with the destinations of those aged above minimum school leaving age identified from Table 1.21.

Prior to 2008, table includes some estimates and some "not known"s where local authorities were not able to provide information.

"Former foster carers" was a new category in 2007. Prior to this, any children in this category are included in "other".

In 2000 to 2004 children with unknown destinations were allocated to a group rather than being presented as 'unknown'. For this reason, some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts, due to the effects of rounding.

A child may cease to be looked after more than once during the year and will be counted once for each episode of care ending.

"Other" includes residential care, homeless, in custody and other destination

The 18-21 category in this table includes a small number of looked after young people who were over 21yrs

Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

**Table 2.7: Number of children ceasing to be looked after, by length of time looked after and age, 2001-2009**

Age	Length of time looked after	Children ceasing to be looked after in year ending 31st March....								Percentage of 2009 totals	
		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008		2009
<b>Under 1</b>											
	Under 6 weeks	27	42	26	72	56	39	55	46	63	47
	6 weeks to under 6 months	31	25	26	25	28	44	29	33	42	31
	6 months to under 1 year	20	11	17	9	9	19	13	21	30	22
	Not known								1	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>1-4</b>											
	Under 6 weeks	76	193	86	167	126	96	87	119	102	13
	6 weeks to under 6 months	89	90	56	116	56	67	80	119	70	9
	6 months to under 1 year	158	92	133	120	93	120	136	119	115	15
	1 year to under 3 years	234	211	244	184	195	235	254	255	395	52
	3 years to under 5 years	42	49	54	38	26	48	54	66	82	11
	Not known								16	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>5-11</b>											
	Under 6 weeks	155	229	144	169	145	97	105	141	132	12
	6 weeks to under 6 months	184	144	92	140	80	86	112	96	68	6
	6 months to under 1 year	271	146	190	189	161	157	185	173	182	17
	1 year to under 3 years	390	276	385	269	317	400	351	343	381	35
	3 years to under 5 years	94	110	143	162	114	162	190	206	212	20
	5 years and over	30	39	61	51	71	84	86	102	103	10
	Not known								26	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>12-15</b>											
	Under 6 weeks	200	306	151	182	182	140	130	127	102	10
	6 weeks to under 6 months	229	213	155	180	143	154	146	149	98	10
	6 months to under 1 year	349	228	217	215	170	164	204	216	244	24
	1 year to under 3 years	440	388	430	321	285	336	304	337	377	37
	3 years to under 5 years	111	91	109	120	86	81	82	134	108	11
	5 years and over	64	56	40	46	41	65	58	79	84	8
	Not known								20	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,393</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>16+</b>											
	Under 6 weeks	48	90	33	50	68	18	21	27	9	1
	6 weeks to under 6 months	91	84	92	121	83	54	104	107	55	4
	6 months to under 1 year	280	176	175	179	184	194	267	274	195	14
	1 year to under 3 years	727	535	613	543	510	553	606	656	559	40
	3 years to under 5 years	248	236	198	223	169	243	243	247	250	18
	5 years and over	151	143	163	129	166	229	242	233	328	23
	Not known								25	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>1,483</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>1,396</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>											
	Under 6 weeks	506	861	440	640	578	390	398	460	408	9
	6 weeks to under 6 months	625	556	421	583	390	405	471	504	333	8
	6 months to under 1 year	1,078	652	732	713	617	654	805	803	766	17
	1 year to under 3 years	1,791	1,410	1,672	1,317	1,308	1,524	1,515	1,591	1,712	39
	3 years to under 5 years	496	485	504	543	395	534	569	653	652	15
	5 years and over	245	237	264	225	278	378	386	414	515	12
	Not known								88	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>4,202</b>	<b>4,034</b>	<b>4,021</b>	<b>3,566</b>	<b>3,885</b>	<b>4,144</b>	<b>4,513</b>	<b>4,386</b>	<b>100</b>

Notes: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Figures for 2008 are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

Fife did not provide information on children ceasing to be looked after in 2007-08. Fife's figures from 2006-07 have been incorporated into this table for 2007-08.

Falkirk did not provide information on length of time looked after for children ceasing to be looked after in 2007-08. The total numbers of children ceasing to be looked after in this local authority for 2007-08 have been included as "not known".

Prior to 2008, table includes estimates wherever local authorities were not able to provide data.

In 2000 to 2004 some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding estimated figures.

A child may cease to be looked after more than once during the year and will be counted once for each episode of care ending.

Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

**Table 2.8: Number of children looked after in a planned series of short-term placements, by gender and age 2001-2009**

Age/gender	Children looked after on 31 March...									Percentage of 2009 totals
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
<b>Male</b>										
Under 5	188	228	172	89	77	126	123	108	118	9
5-11	679	517	766	602	520	578	540	439	542	41
12-15	442	539	530	497	455	486	458	407	453	34
16-17	146	169	183	202	185	204	206	211	207	16
Unknown					5	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Female</b>										
Under 5	142	274	141	76	65	95	105	113	99	12
5-11	414	286	433	312	279	345	330	270	336	42
12-15	304	492	385	285	260	285	285	220	257	32
16-17	130	129	161	137	123	101	112	123	111	14
Unknown					6	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>All people</b>										
Under 5	330	502	313	165	142	221	228	221	217	10
5-11	1,093	804	1,199	914	800	923	870	709	878	41
12-15	746	1,031	915	782	715	771	743	627	710	33
16-17	276	297	344	339	308	305	318	334	318	15
Unknown					38	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,445</b>	<b>2,635</b>	<b>2,771</b>	<b>2,201</b>	<b>2,003</b>	<b>2,220</b>	<b>2,159</b>	<b>1,891</b>	<b>2,123</b>	<b>100</b>

Notes: Figures for 2009 are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

Prior to 2008, table includes estimates wherever local authorities were not able to provide data.

In 2005 there were 27 children whose gender or age was not known. Consequently the "all people" total does not equal the sum of the total boys and girls.

In years 2000 - 2004 children with unreported gender or age were allocated to a group rather than being presented as 'unknown'. For this reason, some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

**Table 2.9: Number of children looked after by accommodation, 1971-2009**

Year	Accommodation type				All children looked after
	At home	With foster carers or prospective adopters	Other community placement	In residential care	
1971	-	-	-	-	14,788
1972	-	-	-	-	19,166
1973	-	-	-	-	20,703
1974	-	-	-	-	20,553
1975	-	-	-	-	18,936
1976	5,883	3,763	1,430	6,242	17,318
1977	5,593	3,733	1,337	6,209	16,872
1978	-	-	-	-	17,107
1979	-	-	-	-	16,887
1980	-	-	-	-	16,845
1981	-	-	-	-	17,045
1982	-	-	-	-	16,084
1983	-	-	-	-	15,529
1984	-	-	-	-	13,783
1985	-	-	-	-	13,261
1986	-	-	-	-	13,319
1987	5,949	2,759	1,025	2,784	12,517
1988	6,064	2,620	939	2,664	12,287
1989	6,262	2,560	851	2,364	12,037
1990	7,128	2,593	928	2,313	12,962
1991	6,625	2,492	1,147	2,401	12,665
1992	6,527	2,746	1,200	2,298	12,771
1993	6,447	2,574	1,221	2,124	12,371
1994	6,335	2,589	1,121	2,083	12,128
1995	6,224	2,605	1,021	2,042	11,891
1996	6,112	2,620	920	2,001	11,653
1997	6,000	2,635	820	1,960	11,415
1998	5,455	2,794	738	1,817	10,804
1999	5,309	3,155	943	1,784	11,191
2000	5,270	3,181	1,274	1,585	11,309
2001	4,842	3,280	1,195	1,582	10,897
2002	4,909	3,328	1,409	1,595	11,241
2003	4,851	3,468	1,518	1,550	11,388
2004	4,982	3,608	1,518	1,567	11,675
2005	5,179	3,660	1,807	1,539	12,185
2006	5,517	3,915	1,912	1,638	12,982
2007	5,986	4,275	2,138	1,661	14,060
2008	6,360	4,480	2,435	1,613	14,888
2009	5,932	4,739	3,037	1,580	15,288

Notes: Table excludes planned series of short term placements.

Figures for 2009 are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

Figures for 2008 are revised

Prior to 2008, table includes estimates wherever local authorities were not able to provide data.

Young people aged 18-21 are included from 2006 onwards, and figures for 2009 include a small number of over 21yr olds.

Table includes rounded estimates for local authorities not able to provide information in all years up to 2004. For this reason, the total for all children looked after may not exactly equal the sum of its component parts.

For cells shown as "-", figures are not available.

Figures are estimates for 1975, 1994, 1995 and 1996.

"Other community placement" includes "with friends/relatives" as well as "in other community".

**Table 3.1: Children starting and ceasing to be looked after, by local authority, 2008-09**

Local authority area	Children looked after on 31 March 2009	Children looked after on 31 March 2009 as a percentage of the 0-18 population	Starting to be looked after in 2008-09	Ceasing to be looked after in 2008-09
Aberdeen City	701	1.7	302	244
Aberdeenshire	458	0.8	163	117
Angus	261	1.1	93	99
Argyll & Bute	204	1.1	114	32
Clackmannanshire	207	1.8	93	63
Dumfries & Galloway	441	1.4	148	167
Dundee City	587	2.0	190	203
East Ayrshire	524	2.0	191	110
East Dunbartonshire	129	0.5	66	41
East Lothian	202	0.9	89	68
East Renfrewshire	159	0.7	51	19
Edinburgh, City of	1,328	1.5	421	406
Eilean Siar	48	0.9	18	11
Falkirk	437	1.3	155	141
Fife	799	1.0	307	198
Glasgow City	3,280	2.8	778	650
Highland	456	1.0	219	233
Inverclyde	318	1.8	145	115
Midlothian	353	1.9	117	83
Moray	211	1.1	137	114
North Ayrshire	501	1.7	153	143
North Lanarkshire	728	1.0	209	235
Orkney Isles	31	0.7	11	5
Perth & Kinross	197	0.7	76	64
Renfrewshire	718	1.9	246	187
Scottish Borders	193	0.8	75	62
Shetland	37	0.7	12	10
South Ayrshire	290	1.3	104	93
South Lanarkshire	490	0.7	154	102
Stirling	218	1.1	86	75
West Dunbartonshire	376	1.9	145	166
West Lothian	406	1.0	126	130
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>15,288</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>5,194</b>	<b>4,386</b>

Notes: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

Rates per population based on GRO(Scotland) 2008 mid-year population estimates.

A child may start and cease to be looked after more than once during the year and will be counted once for each episode of care starting and ending.

**Table 3.2: Characteristics of children looked after by local authority, 31st March 2009**

Local authority area	Gender of children looked after			Age of children looked after		Children known to be from minority ethnic groups	Children known to have a disability				
	Male	Female	Percentage male	Children under 5	Children 16 or over						
	Number	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage				
Aberdeen City	410	291	58	175	25	60	9	30	4	134	19
Aberdeenshire	259	199	57	69	15	49	11	0	0	16	3
Angus	150	111	57	52	20	24	9	5	2	48	18
Argyll & Bute	115	89	56	32	16	18	9	9	4	29	14
Clackmannanshire	116	91	56	52	25	21	10	1	0	30	14
Dumfries & Galloway	252	189	57	120	27	53	12	5	1	18	4
Dundee City	318	269	54	144	25	40	7	17	3	57	10
East Ayrshire	269	255	51	126	24	44	8	8	2	31	6
East Dunbartonshire	75	54	58	24	19	17	13	1	1	19	15
East Lothian	112	90	55	34	17	26	13	1	0	28	14
East Renfrewshire	95	64	60	34	21	20	13	3	2	19	12
Edinburgh, City of	735	593	55	299	23	124	9	59	4	41	3
Eilean Siar	20	28	42	6	13	3	6	1	2	3	6
Falkirk	259	178	59	90	21	55	13	12	3	13	3
Fife	401	398	50	207	26	55	7	17	2	83	10
Glasgow City	1,769	1,511	54	578	18	491	15	168	5	532	16
Highland	222	234	49	94	21	41	9	8	2	57	13
Inverclyde	182	136	57	80	25	30	9	8	3	65	20
Midlothian	197	156	56	70	20	35	10	2	1	13	4
Moray	113	98	54	44	21	12	6	7	3	8	4
North Ayrshire	266	235	53	123	25	48	10	5	1	43	9
North Lanarkshire	418	310	57	145	20	65	9	8	1	21	3
Orkney Isles	17	14	55	4	13	3	10	0	0	17	55
Perth & Kinross	124	73	63	32	16	14	7	2	1	34	17
Renfrewshire	388	330	54	130	18	65	9	7	1	45	6
Scottish Borders	109	84	56	35	18	30	16	18	9	7	4
Shetland	25	12	68	7	19	6	16	0	0	7	19
South Ayrshire	163	127	56	61	21	29	10	3	1	102	35
South Lanarkshire	255	235	52	95	19	49	10	5	1	64	13
Stirling	117	101	54	38	17	29	13	4	2	17	8
West Dunbartonshire	210	166	56	67	18	29	8	9	2	15	4
West Lothian	216	190	53	89	22	23	6	9	2	25	6
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>8,377</b>	<b>6,911</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>3,156</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>11</b>

Notes: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

Minority Ethnic Group' includes the ethnic groups Mixed Ethnicity, Black, Asian, and Other Ethnic Background.

**Table 3.3: Children looked after by type of accommodation and local authority, 31st March 2009**

Local authority area	In the community						In residential accommodation						Total looked after children
	At home with parents	With friends /relatives	With foster carers provided by LA	With foster carers purchased by LA	With prospective adopters	In other community	In local authority home	In voluntary home	In residential school	In secure accommodation	In crisis care	In other residential care	
Aberdeen City	220	144	118	111	26	1	22	7	40	3	1	8	701
Aberdeenshire	128	103	129	16	9	1	14	6	49	3	0	0	458
Angus	71	37	118	9	9	1	2	0	10	2	1	1	261
Argyll & Bute	89	34	37	0	3	0	20	0	19	1	0	1	204
Clackmannanshire	79	51	39	14	2	0	5	0	13	0	0	4	207
Dumfries & Galloway	219	86	89	1	4	2	4	0	28	0	0	8	441
Dundee City	180	181	136	23	11	8	15	5	21	4	2	1	587
East Ayrshire	208	111	94	49	16	3	18	0	19	6	0	0	524
East Dunbartonshire	45	30	16	12	3	0	7	4	9	3	0	0	129
East Lothian	78	40	56	4	0	0	11	0	10	1	0	2	202
East Renfrewshire	88	29	21	12	2	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	159
Edinburgh, City of	443	265	305	159	32	2	52	11	42	15	0	2	1,328
Eilean Siar	13	14	12	0	0	0	0	4	4	1	0	0	48
Falkirk	168	73	94	31	10	2	5	0	38	2	3	11	437
Fife	230	154	293	37	14	0	17	24	16	4	4	6	799
Glasgow City	1,363	617	874	137	8	6	113	51	55	23	1	12	3,280
Highland	165	80	121	4	16	2	28	3	21	2	0	14	456
Inverclyde	167	54	57	2	6	0	18	0	13	1	0	0	318
Midlothian	106	118	65	23	3	0	12	3	21	2	0	0	353
Moray	58	56	60	4	6	0	0	15	6	1	0	5	211
North Ayrshire	218	119	52	47	3	2	36	0	12	2	1	9	501
North Lanarkshire	420	99	143	3	14	5	28	0	12	2	0	2	728
Orkney Isles	20	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	31
Perth & Kinross	73	30	63	16	5	1	3	0	2	0	0	4	197
Renfrewshire	251	142	101	118	8	1	61	0	30	6	0	0	718
Scottish Borders	61	24	74	5	10	1	4	1	7	0	0	6	193
Shetland	14	8	10	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	37
South Ayrshire	123	48	35	45	4	3	9	0	15	3	0	5	290
South Lanarkshire	186	87	114	0	9	4	73	0	16	1	0	0	490
Stirling	95	32	51	8	3	0	0	1	13	2	5	8	218
West Dunbartonshire	183	63	70	10	1	2	19	1	19	5	0	3	376
West Lothian	150	57	142	5	5	0	13	0	27	6	0	1	406
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>5,932</b>	<b>2,990</b>	<b>3,592</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>15,288</b>

Notes: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements. Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.



**Table 3.4: Percentage of care leavers beyond minimum school leaving age with a pathway plan and a pathway co-ordinator, by local authority, 2008-09**

Local authority area	Number of care leavers	Percentage with a pathway plan	Percentage point change since 2007-08	Percentage with a pathway co-ordinator	Percentage point change since 2007-08
Aberdeen City	60	35	-15	27	-23
Aberdeenshire	44	100	58	66	38
Angus	34	47	-48	35	-60
Argyll & Bute	11	55	-45	27	-73
Clackmannanshire	24	42	14	42	14
Dumfries & Galloway	40	100	52	100	19
Dundee City	53	60	-4	60	-4
East Ayrshire	38	32	6	32	-68
East Dunbartonshire	15	47	22	27	2
East Lothian	22	14	-27	77	27
East Renfrewshire	7	86	-14	86	-14
Edinburgh, City of	132	8	-12	36	-16
Eilean Siar	4	25	-66	0	-91
Falkirk	41	22	-	22	-
Fife	39	33	-6	44	-20
Glasgow City	266	39	-18	22	-6
Highland	63	100	0	100	0
Inverclyde	34	68	-1	68	-1
Midlothian	28	25	-75	21	-79
Moray	15	100	75	100	58
North Ayrshire	43	28	17	28	17
North Lanarkshire	68	9	-	9	-
Orkney Isles	0	-	-	-	-
Perth & Kinross	18	22	-78	67	-33
Renfrewshire	63	14	-14	49	15
Scottish Borders	22	9	-58	86	23
Shetland	6	17	17	17	17
South Ayrshire	37	65	5	65	3
South Lanarkshire	22	50	-50	50	-50
Stirling	23	26	-1	26	-1
West Dunbartonshire	65	5	-95	5	-95
West Lothian	39	92	32	90	11
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-15</b>

Notes: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

Falkirk and North Lanarkshire did not provide information on children ceasing to be looked after beyond minimum school-leaving age in 2007-08.

For 2007-08, table includes estimates wherever local authorities were not able to provide data.

**Table 3.5: Young people eligible for aftercare services, percentage receiving aftercare and percentage in employment, education or training, by local authority, 2008-09**

Local authority area	Young people eligible for aftercare services	Per cent receiving aftercare services	In employment, education or training	
			As percentage of those receiving aftercare with known economic activity	As percentage of all eligible for aftercare services
Aberdeen City	94	65	25	15
Aberdeenshire	122	78	91	32
Angus	66	64	29	18
Argyll & Bute	13	100	56	38
Clackmannanshire	23	96	40	35
Dumfries & Galloway	168	62	42	26
Dundee City	95	91	29	25
East Ayrshire	83	100	23	20
East Dunbartonshire	38	68	54	37
East Lothian	63	78	23	17
East Renfrewshire	9	100	56	56
Edinburgh, City of	278	51	18	8
Eilean Siar	4	100	-	0
Falkirk	48	100	40	25
Fife	41	63	80	10
Glasgow City	866	54	45	19
Highland	31	100	35	23
Inverclyde	110	77	28	22
Midlothian	163	18	32	6
Moray	40	68	35	20
North Ayrshire	94	100	35	35
North Lanarkshire	184	100	100	15
Orkney Isles	20	70	29	20
Perth & Kinross	57	35	32	11
Renfrewshire	135	41	20	6
Scottish Borders	65	51	9	5
Shetland	12	50	100	50
South Ayrshire	98	100	29	14
South Lanarkshire	112	100	22	22
Stirling	54	33	44	15
West Dunbartonshire	76	84	33	28
West Lothian	190	95	28	23
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>3,452</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>19</b>

Notes: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Figures are provisional and may be revised in 2009-10.

West Dunbartonshire were unable to provide aftercare figures for 2008-09. 2007-08 figures have been carried forward in this table.

## DISABILITY

### Learning disability

A learning disability is a significant lifelong condition which is present prior to the age of eighteen and which has a significant effect on a person's development. People with a learning disability will need more support than their peers to:

- understand new and/or complex information
- learn new skills and
- lead independent lives

Learning disability does not include specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia.

### Specific learning difficulties

Difficulties in reading, writing, spelling or manipulating numbers, which are not typical of the person's general level of performance, and are not simply a consequence of a lack of opportunity to learn. The difficulties are not due to any form of acquired brain trauma or disease. Includes dyslexia and dyscalculia, but excludes dyspraxia.

Dyslexia is the most common Specific Learning Difficulty. Dyslexia causes difficulties in reading, writing and spelling. Short-term memory, concentration, personal organisation and sequencing may also be affected. There may be difficulties in remembering sequences of words or actions, mispronunciation of common words and the reversing of letters and sounds in words. There may also be poor reading comprehension, handwriting and punctuation and evident frustration with reading.

People with dyscalculia have difficulty with numbers and remembering mathematical facts as well as performing mathematical operations. Pupils may have difficulties with abstract concepts of time and direction, recalling schedules, and sequences of events as well as difficulties with mathematical concepts, rules, formulas, and basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

### Visual impairment

Visual impairment refers to a range of difficulties from minor impairment through to blindness. Children are considered to be visually impaired if they require either adaptations to their environment and/or physical support through the provision of vision aids in order to participate in day to day activities. Children who wear glasses or contact lenses are not included.

### Hearing impairment

Children are regarded as having a hearing impairment if they require either adaptations to their environment and/or support through hearing aids in order to participate in day to day activities

### Combined Sight and Hearing Loss (deafblind)

Persons can be regarded as having combined sight and hearing loss (deafblindness) if they have a severe degree of combined visual and auditory impairment resulting in problems of communication, access to information and mobility. There are many routes to deafblindness which can occur at different stages of people's lives, as follows:

- both of the impairments resulting in deafblindness have been present from birth OR
- only one of the impairments has been present from birth OR
- neither impairment has been present from birth

It could be that both impairments are severe, but one severe impairment accompanied by a second partial or moderate impairment will also constitute deafblindness in cases where difficulties are compounded by the combination of impairments – for example, where the moderately impaired sense has been relied on previously to compensate for the loss or absence of the severely impaired sense.

Example A: a person who is profoundly deaf and partially sighted from birth.

Example B: a person who is blind from birth, whose hearing eventually deteriorates to the point where difficulties are compounded.

Example C: a person whose sight and hearing deteriorate over a period of time as part of the ageing process, where the later impairment is only moderate at the point when compounding difficulties are experienced.

The terms people might use to describe themselves are:

- deaf with a visual problem
- blind with a hearing problem
- partially sighted, partially deaf
- having Usher Syndrome
- deafblind
- dual impaired
- dual sensory impaired
- hard of hearing with sight loss
- a hearing aid user with a sight problem
- blind and hard of hearing

### **Physical or motor impairment**

Physical disabilities have many causes in chronic illness, accidents, and impaired function of the nervous system, which, in particular physical or social environments, results in difficulties in mobility, hand function, personal care, other physical activities, communication, and participation. Not all children and young people with physical and motor impairments will have learning difficulties.

### **Language and communication disorder**

Children with specific developmental disorders in which their ability to use expressive spoken language, and/or understand language is below what is appropriate their general level of cognitive functioning. Their difficulty is in understanding and/or making others understand information conveyed through language. Acquisition of speech and/or oral language skills is noticeably behind their peers and their speech may be poor or unintelligible.

Children with language disorders find it hard to understand and/or use words in context. They may use words wrongly with inappropriate grammatical patterns, have a reduced vocabulary or find it hard to express ideas. They may also hear or see a word but not be able to understand its meaning or have trouble getting others to understand what they are trying to communicate.

Includes developmental dysphasia or aphasia, and acquired aphasia with epilepsy. Excludes specific learning difficulties, learning disability, sensory impairments, and speech mechanism impairments.

### **Autistic spectrum disorder**

Autistic Spectrum Disorders are characterised by the triad of impairments which are:

- Social interaction – difficulty with social relationships, for example, appearing aloof and indifferent to other people.

- Social communication – difficulty with verbal and non-verbal communication, for example not fully understanding the meaning of common gestures, facial expressions or tone of voice.
- Imagination – difficulty in the development of interpersonal play and imagination, for example having a limited range of imaginative activities, possibly copied and pursued rigidly and repetitively.

### **Social, emotional and behavioural difficulties**

a) medically diagnosed emotional, conduct or hyperkinetic disorders. Emotional disorders includes: anxiety, phobias, depression, obsessive–compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder. Conduct disorders are characterised by a repetitive and persistent pattern of dissocial, aggressive or defiant conduct, forming an enduring pattern of behaviour of at least six months, and significantly more severe than ordinary childish mischief or adolescent rebelliousness. Hyperkinetic disorder is a persistent pattern of inattention, hyperactivity and/or impulsivity that is more pronounced and extreme than is typically observed in individuals at a similar stage of development (includes: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder).

b) other non-medically diagnosed social, emotional and behavioural difficulties, including: difficulties with social interaction; poor concentration; temper outbursts, verbal and/or physical aggression to peers; provocative, confrontational or openly defiant; low esteem, under achievement and inappropriate social interaction; withdrawn, quiet and difficult to communicate with; people who find it hard or impossible to accept praise or to take responsibility for their behaviour; people who cannot function at all in group situations and exhibit persistent and frequent violent behaviour which requires physical restraint.

### **Mental Health problem**

Children who have been diagnosed as suffering from a psychiatric illness.

### **Other chronic illness/disability**

Any other illness or disability not covered by any of the other codes.

### **Multiple disabilities**

If a young person has been assessed as having more than one of the above conditions

### **No disability**

If a young person has not been assessed as having a disability, or where the assessment showed that the person was not deemed disabled.

### **Not Known/Recorded**

If it is not known whether the person has been assessed as being disabled or not.

**DESTINATION ACCOMMODATION****At home with (biological) parent(s)**

At home with parent(s) or 'relevant person(s)' as defined in Sec. 93(2)(b) of the Children's (Scotland) Act 1995.

**At home with newly adopted parents**

Where a child has ceased being looked after because they have become adopted. If a child who is already adopted has further episode(s) of being looked after, then subsequent destinations are recorded as "At home with (biological) parent(s)".

**With friends or relatives**

Independent living without formal tenancy support. The child/ young person could obviously still have a life coach who provides a range of other support. Includes flats sharing with friends or relatives on a shared lease/shared tenancy/shared ownership.

**Own tenancy/independent living**

Without formal tenancy support. The child/ young person could obviously still have a life coach who provides a range of other support. This will include young people living alone or cohabiting with an independent tenancy of flat, house or bed-sit, including local council or housing association tenancy, or accommodation provided by a college or university.

**Supported accommodation/semi-independent**

Some formal tenancy support available (either on site or via outreach). This includes transitional accommodation (e.g. supported hostel, trainer flats); self-contained accommodation with specialist personal assistance support (e.g. for young people with disabilities, pregnant young women and single parents); self-contained accommodation with floating support. Also includes supported lodgings (where supervisory staff or advice workers are available to provide formal advice or support); foyers and similar supported accommodation which combines the accommodation with opportunities for education, training or employment. Includes living with former foster carers

**Former foster carers**

With foster carers previously accommodated with when looked after.

**Residential Care**

In a community home or other form of residential care such as an NHS establishment

**Homeless**

Defined by Section 24 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 and as amended by the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001, but excludes everyone in semi-independent living as defined above. This covers everyone living in emergency accommodation (e.g. roofless, night shelter, direct access, emergency hostel, bed and breakfast), where this is not part of the pathway plan.

**In custody**

In prison.

**Other**

Still in contact with the young person and accommodation type is known, but none of the categories mentioned above apply.

**Not Known:** Don't know where the young person is being accommodated.

**PLACEMENT TYPES WHILST BEING LOOKED AFTER**

**At home with parent(s)**

At home with parent(s) or 'relevant person(s)' as defined in Sec. 93(2)(b) of the Children's (Scotland) Act 1995.

**With friends / relatives**

Placed with friends or relatives who are not approved foster carers.

**With foster carers provided by the local authority**

Placed with approved foster carers provide by the local authority.

**With foster carers purchased by the local authority**

Placed with approved foster carers purchased by the local authority.

**With prospective adopters**

Placed with prospective adopters.

**Other community**

A known community setting, but does not fit with one of the above. For example, supported accommodation.

**Local authority home**

Placed in local authority children's home/hostel, local authority home/hostel for children with learning disabilities, local authority home/hostel for physically disabled children.

**Voluntary home**

Placed in voluntary children's home/hostel, in voluntary home/hostel for children with learning disabilities, in voluntary home/hostel for physically disabled children.

**Residential school**

Placed in local authority residential school (home/hostel), in voluntary residential school (home/hostel), in private school, in independent school.

**Secure accommodation**

Placed in secure accommodation.

**Crisis Care:**

For example: in women's refuge, in local authority hostel for offenders, in voluntary hostel for offenders, in local authority hostel for drug/alcohol abusers, in voluntary hostel for drug/alcohol abusers.

**Other residential**

Placed in a known residential setting but does not fit with one of the above.

## LEGAL REASONS

### **Accommodated Under Section 25**

Under Section 25 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 a local authority is required to provide accommodation for children if no-one has parental responsibility for them, if they are lost or abandoned or if the person who has been caring for them is prevented from providing suitable accommodation or care.

### **Parental Responsibilities Order**

Under Section 86 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995, local authorities have the power to apply to the Sheriff Court to transfer parental rights and responsibilities to the local authority.

### **Supervision Requirement at Home**

Under Section 70 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995, a Children's Hearing can stipulate that a child would be deemed to be looked after at home by the local authority ( Compulsory Supervision Requirement).

### **Supervision Requirement away from Home (excluding Residential Accommodation)**

A Supervision Requirement that requires the child to reside outwith their normal place of residence but not in Residential Accommodation. Relevant sections of the Children (Scotland) Act are Section 70 and Section 72(1).

### **Supervision Requirement away from Home (excluding Residential but excluding Secure)**

A Supervision Requirement that requires the child to reside outwith their normal place of residence in Residential Accommodation, but not in Secure Accommodation. Relevant sections of the Children (Scotland) Act are Section 70 and Section 72(1).

### **Supervision Requirement away from Home with a Secure Condition**

A Supervision Requirement that requires the child to reside outwith their normal place of residence in Secure Accommodation. Relevant sections of the Children (Scotland) Act are Section 70(9)b, Section 73(9) and Section 75.

### **Warrant**

Includes Hearing Warrants (Sections 45(4) & (5) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995, Children detained by the police (Section 63(5)), Children detained under hearing warrant 21 days (Section 66), extension of hearing warrant – further 21 days (Section 67), Warrant to hold child whilst grounds established (14 days) (Section 68), and Warrant to hold child for further investigation (21 days) (Section 69).

### **Child Protection Measure**

Includes powers for local authorities to apply to a Sheriff for a Child Assessment Order (Section 55 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995) where access to a child for the purposes of gathering information is denied. Also includes Child Protection Orders (CPO) (Section 57) where there are grounds to believe that a child is being ill-treated, neglected or will suffer harm, as well as Emergency Protection measures (Section 61) where a CPO is not available.

### **Criminal Court Provision**

Under the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, a child may become looked after due to detention following a conviction for murder (Section 205(2)), detention of children convicted of an indictment (Section 208), failure to pay a fine, maximum detention one month (Section



216(7)), detention in residential accommodation (Section 44(1)), detention of child (unruly certificate) (Section 43(4)), and detention of child by the Court (inc. unruly certificate) (Section 51).

**Freed for Adoption**

Under the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978 a child may become looked after due to a Freeing Order (Section 18) or following the return of the child to the local authority (Section 30).

**Permanence Order**

A Permanence Order under Section 80 of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007.

**Permanence Order with Authority to Place for Adoption**

An order granting authority for adoption (with conditions) under Section 83 of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007.

**Other Legal reason**

Includes any other legal reason not included above, for example any statute from England & Wales or Northern Ireland.

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