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LAC Population Profile: Spring 2017



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1. Introduction

1.1 Background and Context

- Comparisons are with the last LAC Population Profile from January 2016.
- Compulsory school aged pupils only are reported on.
- The LAC cohort and placement types were provided by the Strategic Intelligence Team.
- School types and SEN information were sourced from Capita One and January 2017 School Census returns.
- The report has data on numbers of looked after children by school type, attending in city and out of city educational establishments, NCY, SEN and placement type.

1.2 Contacts

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1.3 Key Points

- As at the 13th March 2017, there were 735 children of compulsory school age looked after by Liverpool City Council. This is an 8% increase compared to the January 2016 when the last profile was compiled (675).
- A third of Liverpool’s LAC population are placed in schools outside of the city (251 pupils, equating to 34% of the cohort). This is 1% higher than in March 2016 (220 pupils – 33%)
- More secondary aged LAC are educated in establishments outside of the city compared to primary aged LAC – 36% secondary and 32% primary.
- Over a third of compulsory school aged looked after children are in years 9, 10 and 11. There has been a significant increase in the numbers of primary aged LAC from January 2016 to March 2017 (13%). Secondary aged LAC pupils have risen by 5%.
- The gender split has widened slightly from January 2016 with 53% of the cohort being male (52% last year) and 47% female (48% last year).
- The percentage of the LAC cohort with special educational needs has fallen by 1% since January 2016 to 47%. However, this is still significantly higher than the local figure of 19%.
- 10.9% of the LAC cohort attends special schools compared to 1.8% of the Liverpool school population.

- 21% of secondary age LAC pupils are not attending mainstream schools. Of these, 32% of year 11 LAC is not in mainstream provision (27% in January 2016). 18% of year 11 LAC are in Alternative Provision
- In comparison only 8% of the primary age LAC cohort is not in mainstream provision. However, this is nearly 7 times greater than the primary age Liverpool cohort (1.2%).
- 15% of the LAC cohort is placed with parents or those with parental responsibility – this is a decrease of 2% compared to January 2016.
- However, a further 24% are placed with a relative or friend – 5% higher than last year
- 70% of the looked after children in Reception are placed with parents, those with parental responsibility or a relative or friend – an 18% rise since January 2016. This is compared to only 27% of LAC in year 11 – a 1% fall from last year.
- 50% of the cohort is placed in “Other Foster Placement” – up from 34% in January 2016

Compulsory School Age LAC – By NCY

NCY	Liverpool	Out of City	Total	As % of Total
Reception	36	17	53	7.2%
1	31	16	47	6.4%
2	39	13	52	7.1%
3	30	13	43	5.9%
4	37	16	53	7.2%
5	39	21	60	8.2%
6	37	24	61	8.3%
7	29	22	51	6.9%
8	42	24	66	9.0%
9	60	26	86	11.7%
10	47	24	71	9.7%
11	57	35	92	12.5%
Total	484	251	735	100.0%

Compulsory School Age LAC – By Sector

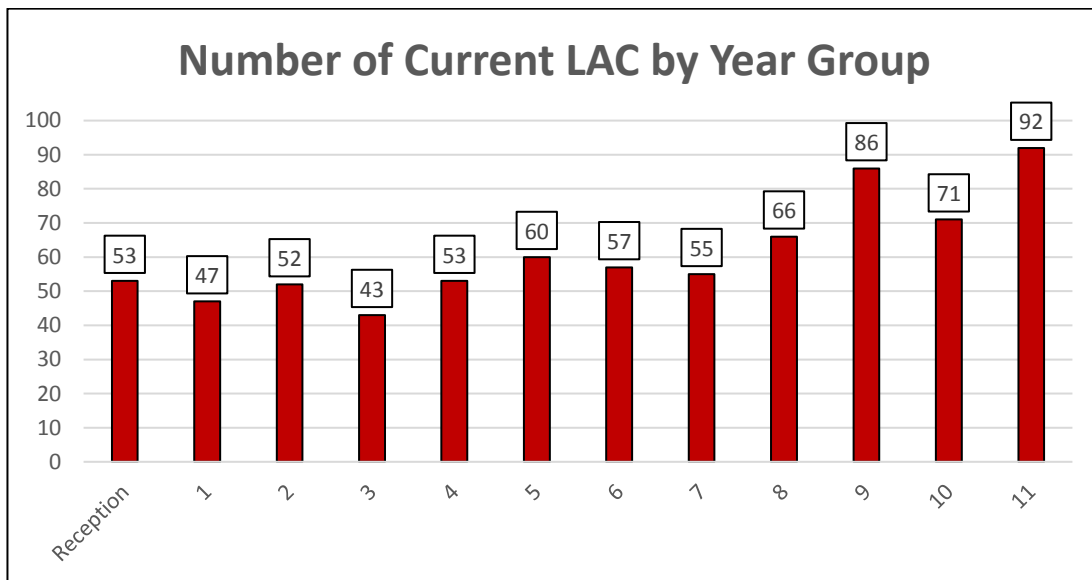
NCY	Primary	Secondary	Special	Alternative Provision	Further Education College	Hospital School	PRU
Reception	51		2				
1	44		3				
2	49		3				
3	39		4				
4	49		4				
5	53		7				
6	49		8				
7		50	5				
8		57	9				
9		70	12	2		1	1
10		52	11	5	1		2
11		63	12	17			
Total	334	292	80	24	1	1	3

Compulsory School Age LAC – By Key Stage

	Total
Key Stage 1	152
Key Stage 2	213
Key Stage 3	207
Key Stage 4	163

Compulsory School Age LAC - By Gender

NCY	Female	Male
Reception	28	25
1	25	22
2	27	25
3	16	27
4	24	29
5	23	37
6	24	33
7	28	27
8	34	32
9	43	43
10	38	33
11	38	54
Total	348	387

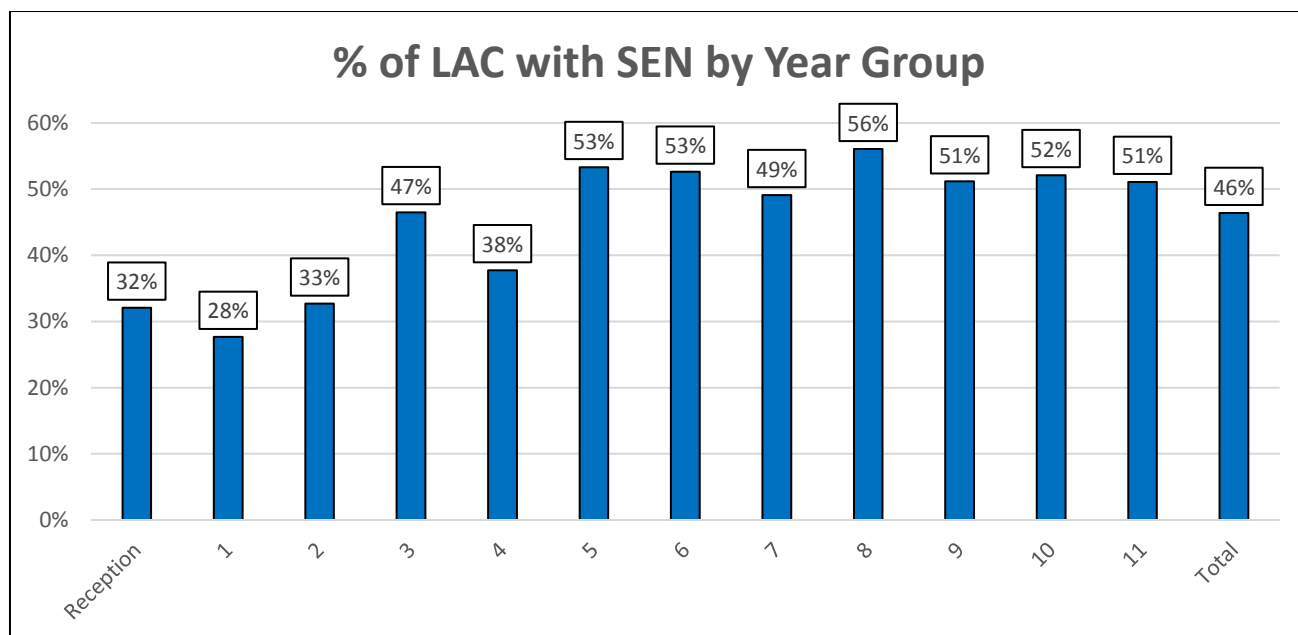


Compulsory School Age LAC - By SEN Stage

NCY	No SEN	SEN Support	Statement/EHCP
Reception	36	14	3
1	34	11	2
2	35	15	2
3	23	17	3
4	33	16	4
5	28	24	8
6	27	22	8
7	28	22	5
8	29	27	10
9	42	35	9
10	34	27	10
11	45	33	14
Total	394	263	78

SEN Summary

NCY	% with SEN
Reception	32%
1	28%
2	33%
3	47%
4	38%
5	53%
6	53%
7	49%
8	56%
9	51%
10	52%
11	51%
Total	46%



Compulsory School Age LAC - By Placement Type

Placement Type	Total	As % of Total
All Residential schools	2	0.3%
Foster placement with relative or friend	20	2.7%
Foster placement with relative or friend - long term fostering	67	9.1%
Foster placement with relative or friend - not long term or FFA	83	11.3%
Homes and Hostels	51	6.9%
Independent living	1	0.1%
Other placements	1	0.1%
Placed for adoption with consent (under section 19 of the 2002 Act) not with current foster carer	1	0.1%
Placed for adoption with consent (under section 19 of the 2002 Act) with current foster carer	1	0.1%
Placed for adoption with placement order (under section 21 of the 2002 Act) not with current foster carer	4	0.5%
Placed with own parents	108	14.7%
Placement with other carer (by council - within boundary)	5	0.7%
Placement with other foster carer	18	2.4%
Placement with other foster carer - long term fostering	193	26.3%
Placement with other foster carer - not long term or FFA	160	21.8%
Placement with relative or friend (in boundary)	5	0.7%
Residential accommodation	3	0.4%
Residential care home	5	0.7%
Secure unit	6	0.8%
Young Offender Institution or prison	1	0.1%
All LAC	735	100.0%

% of LAC by Placement Type

