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Merton Annual Corporate Parenting Report

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Publications

- SFR36/2014 - Children looked after in England, including adoption. 30 September 2014
This release provides statistics on looked-after children at both national and local authority levels for the financial year 2013 to 2014.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics>
- SFR50/2013 - Outcomes for children looked after by local authorities. 11 December 2013
A range of outcome measures at national and local authority level in England for children continuously looked after for at least 12 months.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics>
- SFR36/2013 - Children looked after in England, including adoption. First published 26 September 2013 updated 11 December 2013
This release provides statistics on looked-after children at both national and local authority levels.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics>
- 2013 Adoption Score Card. 14 January 2014
Data showing the speed at which local authorities place children in need of adoption with a family.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adoption-scorecards>
- Children in care and adoption performance tables 2013. 14 January 2014 updated 5 June 2014
Information about the adoption and children's care services provided by every local authority in England during 2013.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications>

Data

- SSDA903 Collection - Children looked after by local authorities in England
- DfE voluntary 2014 18-year old care leavers data collection
- Cafcass reports from the Case Management System (CMS) and ECMS
- ONS Merton ethnic Population Census 2011

Summary

Overall Findings

Profile of Looked After Children at 31 March 2014

- Numbers of looked after children continue to rise. There were 150 looked after children as at 31 March 2014, an increase of 7% compared to 31 March 2013 and an increase of 9% on 2010. Merton's increase is greater than the national of 1% on 2013 and 7% on 2010.
- Merton's rate of looked after children per 10,000 is 33 compared to the national average of 60. There is a wide variation across the country, 30 to 60 rate per 10,000 range is the modal majority in London and nationally. Merton has the 2nd lowest rate amongst its Statistical Neighbours. There are only eight (three in London) local authorities with a rate per 10,000 less than Merton.
- The age profile of children looked after at 31 March in Merton varies from the national norm with Merton caring for a large number of older looked after children aged 16 and over. In Merton 41% of our looked after children are aged 16 and 17 compared to 21% nationally. The inverse trend is reflected in the 0 to 9 year olds at 28% to the national 43%.
- The majority of children looked after in Merton are from a white background. This is a lower proportion than the general resident population (18%). There are fewer Asian or Asian British than the all persons Merton population, although numbers of looked after children have risen from 2013. Mixed ethnic backgrounds, Black or Black British heritage and 'other ethnic groups' have looked after children proportions greater than the resident population.
- The report demonstrates an increase in the category of 'other ethnic groups' in 2013 and 2014 as at the 31 March, in 2014, 80% of these looked after children were known to the authority as Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.
- The majority of children looked after as at 31 March previously lived in wards east and south of the borough, outside of Merton or with no address. Of those with an address, 60% came from homes located in one of the bottom 30% areas of deprivation in the Indices of Deprivation Affecting Children Index.
- 2014 has a lower percentage of looked after children cautioned or convicted during the year than in 2013. 4% above national rates.

Starting to be looked after in 2013-2014

- More children started to be looked after in 2014 than in the previous five years, an increase of 30% on 2010 and 23% on 2013.
- A larger proportion (34%) of these starters was aged 16 and over. This is twice the size of the national proportion of starters in this age range.

Ceasing to be looked after in 2013-2014

- More children ceased to be looked after than in previous years. 107 ceased during the year ending 31 March 2014, an increase of 19% from 2013 and an increase of 41% from 2010. These are larger increases than those shown nationally.
- The percentage of children aged 0-4 years ceasing to be looked after has increased by 136% on the 2013 numbers.
- Approximately half of children ceasing care in 2013-14 return home to live with parents/relatives. Nationally one third ceases care and return home.

Care Processes

- Merton has a strategy in place to support us to meet the national 26 week time limit for care proceedings.
- Merton (43%) has a smaller proportion than nationally (58%) of looked after children on a care order (either an interim or full care order). The proportion of children on full care orders remain stable year on year.
- Merton accommodates more children under section 20 (47%) than nationally (28%).
- 96.5% of reviews of looked after children are completed within timescales.
- Timeliness of social worker visits has declined on previous years.

Placements

- The number of children in foster placements rose from 2013 accounting for 71% of looked after children. This is in line with national (75%).
- Fewer children are placed with their parents than in previous years and nationally.
- Merton has a greater proportion of children placed in secure units, children's homes and hostels than nationally. A large proportion of this placement type is in reference to children and young people living in supported lodgings (55%), placements which are classified within this group.
- 12.7% of Merton looked after children had three or more placement moves during 2013/14 compared to 11% nationally.
- 58% of Merton's looked after children are in stable placements; the technical definition of stability is defined by the DfE as the percentage of looked after children aged under 16 who have been looked after continuously for at least 2.5 years who were living in the same placement for at least 2 years. Merton's performance is below the 2013 national average rate of 67%.
- 17% of Merton's looked after children are placed outside the local authority boundary and more than 20 miles from where they used to live, compared to 12% nationally. Merton is 6th amongst its 12 statistical neighbours. A more detailed analysis of these placements will be available in Merton's 'Securing Sufficient Accommodation for Looked After Children and Care Leavers' strategy refresh in spring 2015.
- 49% of foster placements are with foster families provided by the borough.

Permanency

- Ten looked after children were adopted and four made subject of a Special Guardianship Order during the year. This is the largest number over the previous five years. Children ceasing care through this permanency route (10%) is below national (17%) but joint 4th amongst statistical neighbours.
- The projected three year rolling (2011-2014) average time (days) between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family, for children who have been adopted is 689.4 days, is converging on the 2010-2013 national average of 647 days.

Health

- Merton has the lowest proportion of children looked after identified as having a substance misuse problem over the last five years at 8%. This is twice the percentage of children and young people nationally.
- Health outcomes in 2014 are above national average in all areas, immunisations, dental checks and annual health assessments.
- Emotional and behavioural health determined by the average score of children looked after children for whom a Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire was completed is low at 12.4. A low average score is deemed 'good'. The 2014 outturn is below the 2013 national average of 14.0.

Education

- Due to the timing of the Looked After Children Return and the academic year, education outcomes are delayed. National publication in the Adoption Score Card and Performance Tables 2014 will provide a three year average of 2011-2013. The indicators represented are calculated for all the school age children looked after continuously for 12 months in the year ending the 31 March. For a complete picture of Education outcomes of Merton's Looked After Children population please refer to 'The Virtual School Annual Report'.

Care Leavers

- Merton has 29, 19 year old care leavers. This increase has a direct relationship with the increasing number profile of 16 and 17 year old looked after children in previous years.
- Merton has a smaller proportion of care leavers in suitable accommodation (64%) than national (83%). Both Merton and national are presenting a declining performance in this measure.
- Over a third of former care leavers are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). Merton's percentage of care leavers in Education, Employment or Training (EET) (60%) is above national (53%).
- 6% of Merton and national young people aged 19 who were looked after aged 16 were in higher education (three year average 2011, 2012 and 2013).

NB: Numbers for Merton are the exact figures, whereas the numbers for our statistical neighbours released in the SSDA 903 Publication have been rounded to the nearest 5

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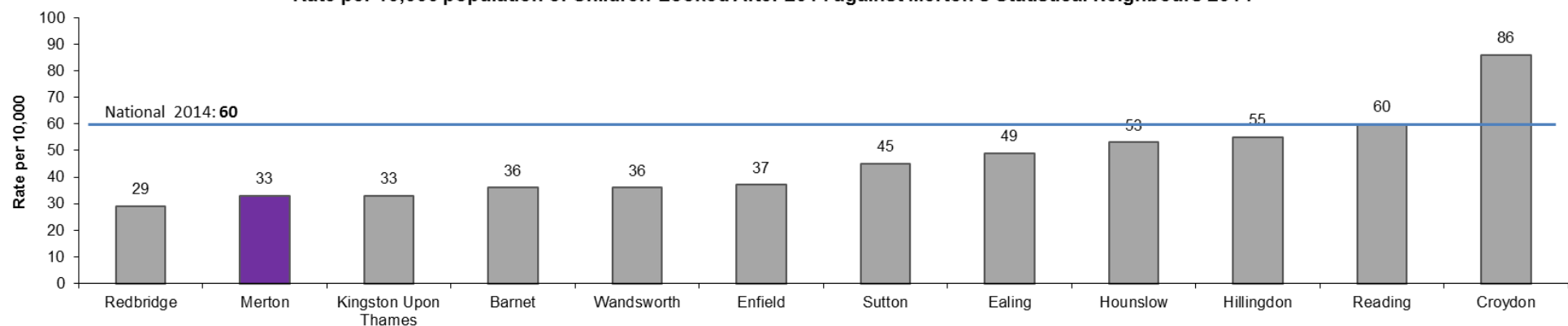
As at 31st March 2014

Numbers and rate of children looked after compared to national averages as at 31st March 2014.

	2010 (31 st March)		2011 (31 st March)		2012 (31 st March)		2013 (31 st March)		2014 (31 st March)	
	Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000
Merton	137	32	132	31	129	30	140	31	150	33
National	64,470	57	65,500	58	67,070	59	68,060	60	68,840	60

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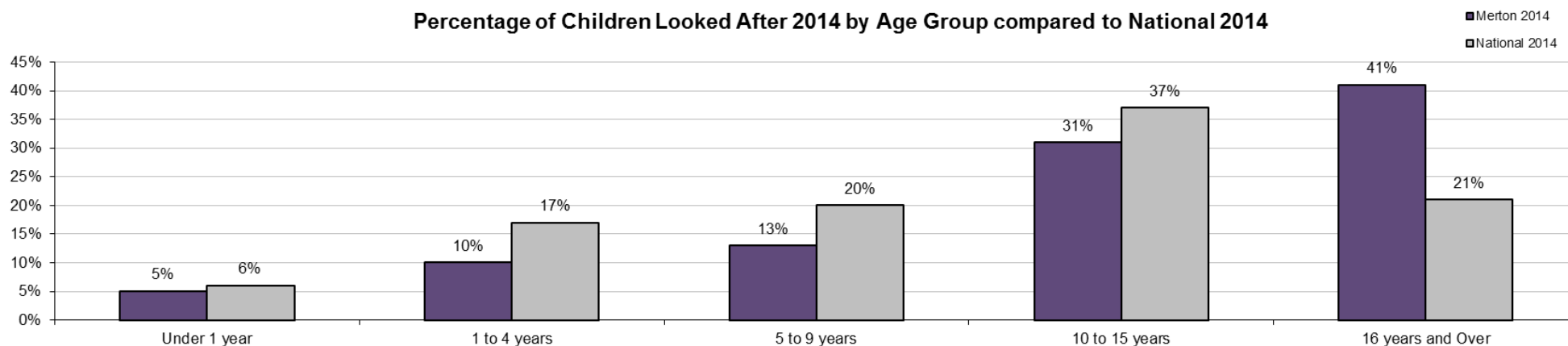
Rate per 10,000 population of Children Looked After 2014 against Merton's Statistical Neighbours 2014



Age and Gender of child looked after compared to national averages as at 31st March 2014.

	Age Groups <i>(percentage of Children Looked After)</i>					Gender <i>(percentage of Children Looked After)</i>	
	Under 1 yr	1 to 4 yrs	5 to 9 yrs	10 to 15 yrs	16+ yrs	Male	Female
Merton 2014	5%	10%	13%	31%	41%	64%	36%
National 2014	6%	17%	20%	37%	21%	55%	45%

Percentage of Children Looked After 2014 by Age Group compared to National 2014



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Age of child looked after by year as at the year end

Merton	Age (in years) <i>(number of Children Looked After, as at 31st March)</i>																	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
2014	8	6	4	5	0	2	5	3	2	7	5	6	8	1	15	12	22	39
2013	6	7	5	1	5	4	2	2	7	5	5	6	2	8	9	17	24	25
2012	7	4	3	4	4	1	3	7	5	2	7	2	9	8	15	13	16	19
2011	4	5	7	9	6	3	3	3	4	4	3	11	6	12	9	9	14	20
2010	8	10	9	4	2	5	3	2	3	2	8	3	7	8	7	10	21	25

Source: SSDA 903

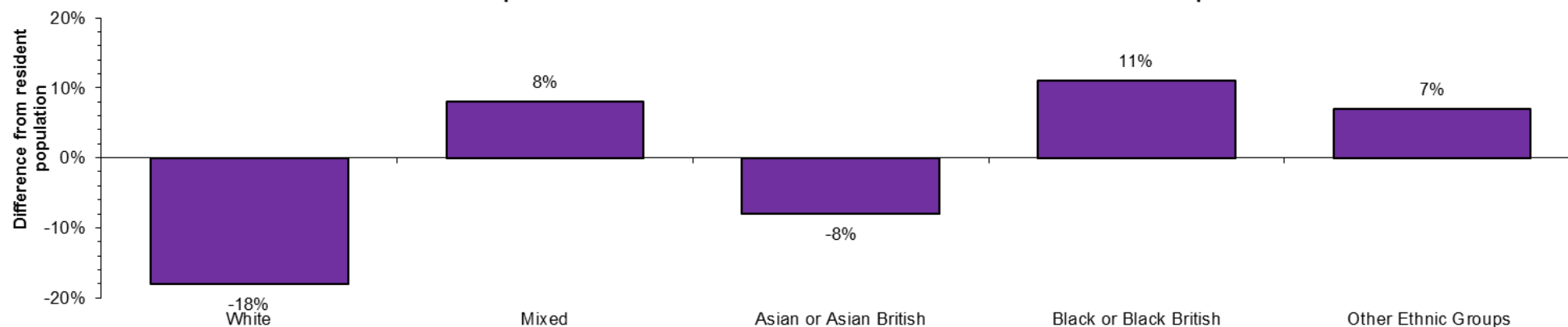
Ethnic Origin of child looked after as at 31st March 2014 compared to Merton residence population 2011 Census.

	Ethnic Origin <i>(percentage of children)</i>				
	White <i>(inc Traveller of Irish Heritage & Gypsy/Roma)</i>	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Other Ethnic Groups <i>(inc Unknown & Refused)</i>
Merton Looked After Children	47%	13%	10%	21%	10%
Merton Resident Population (all ages) ONS 2011 Census	65%	5%	18%	10%	3%
<i>Difference from resident (all age) population</i>	-18%	8%	-8%	11%	7%

Source: SSDA 903

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Ethnic Group Difference of Looked After Children from the Merton Resident Population



Note: Other Ethnic Groups is a census defined category and represents a number of ethnic groups where ethnic heritage cannot be defined in the Asian, Black White or Mixed groups. The category includes Afghanistani, Arab, Egyptian, Filipino, Iranian, Iraqi, Japanese, Korean, Kurdish, Latin / South / Central American, Lebanese, Malay, Moroccan, Polynesian, Thai, Vietnamese, or Yemeni.

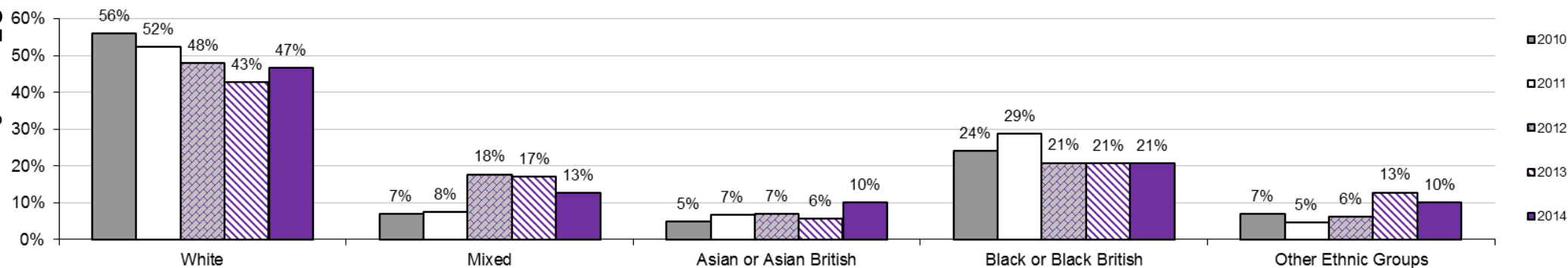
Ethnic Origin of child looked after as at 31st March 2014 compared to trend.

Merton	Ethnic Origin (number of children)															
	Asian Indian	Asian Bangladeshi	Asian Pakistani	Asian Other	Black African	Black Caribbean	Black Other	Mixed White & Black African	Mixed White & Black Caribbean	Mixed White & Asian	Mixed Other	White British	White Other	Chinese	Any Other Ethnic Group	Refused/Unknown
2014	0	1	4	10	8	15	8	4	2	2	11	58	12	0	15	0
2013	0	1	4	3	11	10	8	3	4	3	14	51	9	0	18	1
2012	1	2	4	2	11	10	6	2	5	2	14	53	9	0	8	0
2011	3	1	3	2	18	10	10	0	5	1	4	57	12	0	6	0
2010	0	1	3	3	12	12	9	0	4	2	4	69	8	0	10	0

Five year trend of the ethnic origin of children looked after in Merton

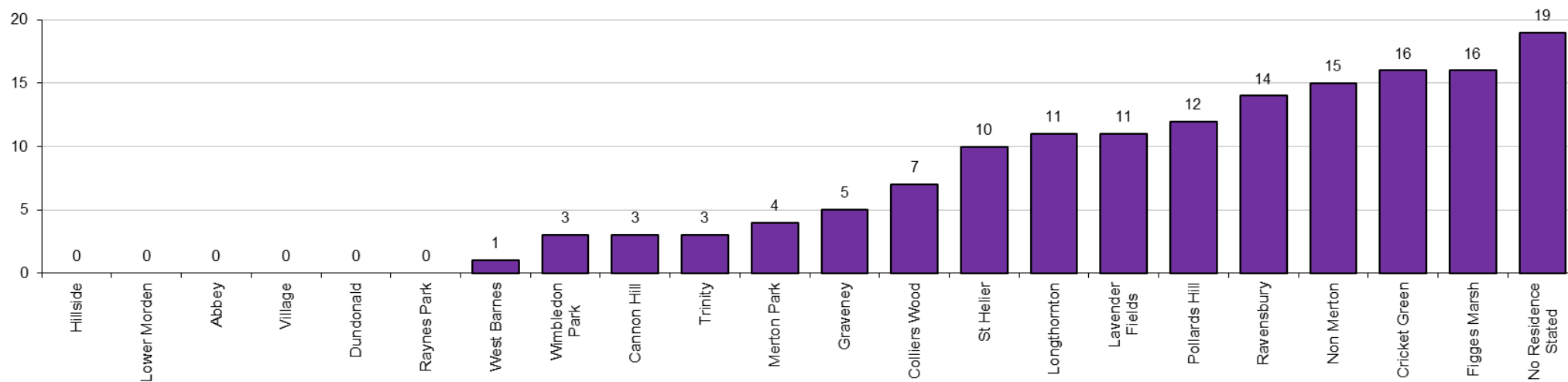
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Percentage of Children Looked After for Merton by Ethnic Origin from 2010 to 2014



Looked After Children by Ward (Residence at time of Pre-Intervention) as of 31st March 2014

Number of Looked After Children by Ward (Residence Pre-Intervention)



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Looked After Children who lived in an area of Deprivation Pre-Intervention (as at 31st March of each year)

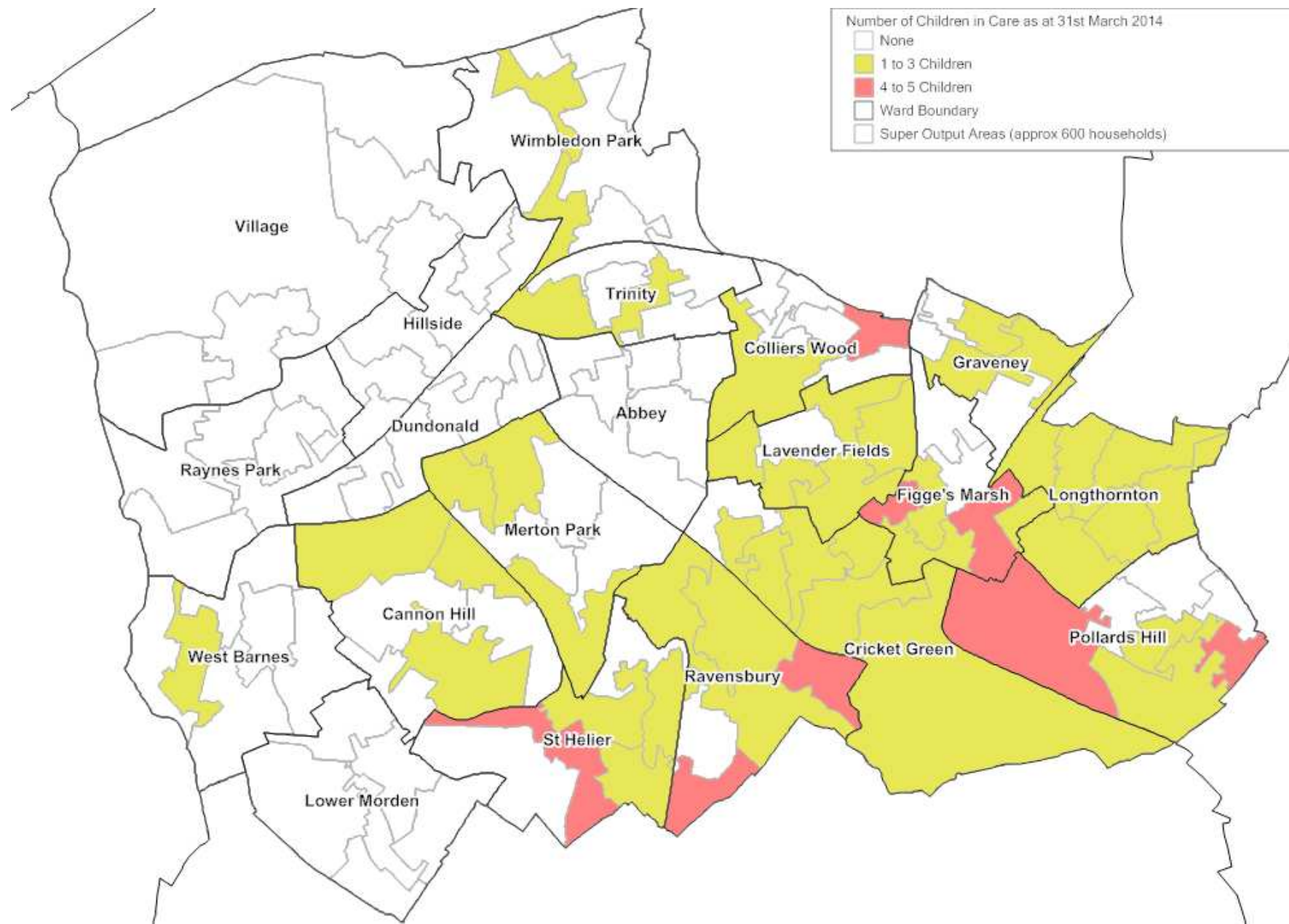
Merton	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number	81	75	73	71	90
Percentage*	59%	57%	57%	51%	60%

Indices Affecting Children (IDACI) 2010.

*Denominator includes unaccompanied asylum seeking children, and children with blocked records with no pre-intervention address.

Looked After Children by Ward (Residence at time of Pre-Intervention) (SSDA903 31st March 2014)

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Offending by Looked After Children (LAC continuously for at least twelve months, twelve months ending 31 March)

	Looked After Children		
	Number aged 10 years old or older during the year	Number cautioned or convicted during the year	Percentage cautioned or convicted during the year
2014	62	6	10%
2013	54	6	11%
2012	55	10	18%
2011	52	3	6%
2010	58	3	5%
Statistical Neighbour Average 2013*	1,300	75	6%
National (2013)	29,880	1,840	6%

Source: SSDA 903

* Statistical Neighbours average is calculated from 8 LA's rounded numbers (4 LA data suppressed);

Children who started to be Looked After during the year 2013/14

Number of Children who started to be Looked After during the year ending 31st March

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Merton	88	85	83	93	114

Source: SSDA 903

Age of Children who started to be Looked After during the year ending 31st March

Merton	Age (in years)																	
	<i>(number of children started to be Looked After, ages on entering care during 2013/14)</i>																	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
2014	13	5	5	3	4	1	3	5	3	1	4	3	2	8	8	7	22	17
2013	10	2	1	1	1	3	0	3	1	0	5	1	2	4	10	11	22	16
2012	10	2	2	1	0	2	5	4	1	3	2	2	3	6	8	9	13	10
2011	6	1	4	3	2	2	2	2	3	1	4	3	3	15	7	9	11	7
2010	14	4	0	2	4	4	1	1	1	5	0	2	3	7	10	12	13	7

Children who ceased to be Looked After during the year 2013/14

Number of Children who ceased to be Looked After during the year ending 31st March

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Merton	76	101	94	90	107

Source: SSDA 903

Age of Children who ceased to be Looked After during the year ending 31st March

Merton	Age (in years)																		
	<i>(number of children started to be Looked After, ages on leaving care during 2013/14)</i>																		
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
2014	4	5	10	4	3	5	1	5	2	3	3	1	2	5	2	9	6	9	28
2013	3	1	4	1	2	1	0	4	1	1	2	1	2	6	13	10	9	5	24
2012	3	4	4	3	8	3	1	1	2	4	1	3	2	5	10	5	6	6	23
2011	4	4	6	1	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	0	1	13	13	5	10	12	21
2010	5	5	3	2	3	4	1	0	2	1	0	2	4	5	7	8	7	4	13

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Reason for children leaving care during 2013/14

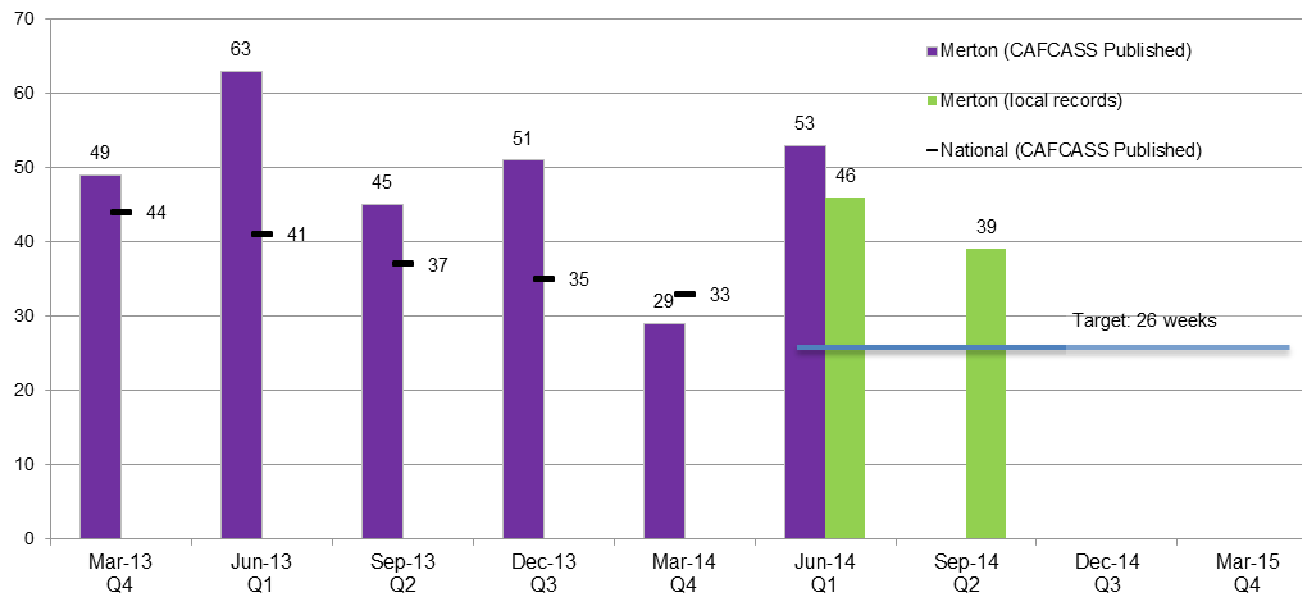
	Adoption	Care taken over by another LA in UK	Returned home to live with parents/relatives	Residence Order Granted	Special Guardianship Order	Moved to independent living	Transferred to residential care funded by Adult Social Services	Care ceased for any other reason	Sentenced to custody
2014	9	1	52	3	4	27	0	8	3
2013	5	0	48	0	3	21	2	7	4
2012	9	0	39	2	3	23	0	17	1
2011	5	0	54	1	5	18	1	15	2
2010	2	1	44	5	6	13	0	5	0

Section 2: Care Processes

Timeliness of Care proceedings when taking children into care

The Children's and Families Bill has proposed a 26 week limit for care and supervision proceedings.

26 week time limit for care proceedings - CAFCASS data



Legal Status of Looked After Children (as of 31st March)

Merton	Legal Status (percentage of Children Looked After)											
	Interim Care Orders		Full Care Orders		Placement Order Granted (including freed for adoption)		Accommodated under S20		Youth Justice Legal Statuses		Detained for Child Protection (Police Protection Orders)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2014	17	11%	48	32%	13	9%	71	47%	1	1%	0	0%
2013	18	13%	42	30%	11	8%	66	47%	3	2%	0	0%
2012	13	10%	36	28%	11	9%	66	51%	3	2%	0	0%
2011	23	17%	44	33%	10	8%	54	41%	1	1%	0	0%
2010	27	20%	45	33%	6	4%	58	42%	1	1%	0	0%
National 2014	7,940	12%	32,000	46%	9,320	13%	19,230	28%	300	0%	50	0%

Source: SSDA 903

Looked After Children Reviews Completed within Timescales (old National Indicator 66)

The percentage of Children Looked After who should have been reviewed during the year ending 31st March who were reviewed on time during the year

	2010 (31 st March)	2011 (31 st March)	2012 (31 st March)	2013 (31 st March)	2014 (31 st March)
Merton	97.6%	96.7%	95.9%	95.9%	96.5%
Merton's Ranking Against Statistical Neighbours (out of 11)	1 st	3 rd	<i>not yet available</i>	<i>not yet available</i>	<i>not yet available</i>
National	90.9%	90.5%	<i>not yet available</i>	<i>not yet available</i>	<i>not yet available</i>

Source: SSDA 903

Notes: The DfE do not publish national comparisons for this indicator: "The Reviews Indicator still has issues, including that it uses 20 calendar days rather than 20 working days and we will be changing this for next year's collection to take into account weekends and bank holidays. We will not be publishing any data based on reviews within timescale because the indicator still does not reflect statutory guidance."

Percentage of Looked After Children of whom the Social Worker Visits are up-to-date (as at 31st March of each year)

	2010 (31 st March)	2011 (31 st March)	2012 (31 st March)	2013 (31 st March)	2014 (31 st March)
3 Monthly Visits	97%	100%	99%	91%	94%
6 Weekly Visits	77%	79%	78%	100%	62%

Source: Local monitoring

Percentage of children looked after with an allocated Social Worker as at 31st March 2014

	2010 (31 st March)		2011 (31 st March)		2012 (31 st March)		2013 (31 st March)		2014 (31 st March)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Merton	137	100%	132	100%	129	100%	140	100%	150	100%

Section 3: Placements

Placement Type for Looked After Children as at 31st March 2014

Merton	Placement Type (percentage of Children Looked After)																	
	Foster Placement		Placed for Adoption		Placement with Parents		Other Placement in the Community		Secure Units, Children's Homes and Hostels		Other Residential Settings		Residential Schools		Missing: Absent for >24 hrs from Agreed Placement		Other Placement	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2014	106	71%	4	3%	1	1%	2	1%	31	21%	4	3%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%
2013	86	61%	8	6%	5	4%	26	19%	9	6%	4	3%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%
2012	80	62%	3	2%	5	4%	18	14%	8	6%	1	1%	4	3%	2	2%	9	7%
2011	96	73%	7	5%	4	3%	15	11%	6	5%	1	1%	3	2%	0	0%	0	0%
2010	98	72%	3	2%	4	3%	2	1%	28	20%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%
National (2014)	51,340	75%	3,580	5%	3,210	5%	2,250	3%	6,360	9%	1,050	2%	840	1%	160	0%	50	0%

Source: SSDA 903

Notes:

Foster placement – Foster placement with relative and friends and with in house or agency foster carer

Other placement in the community – Living independently and residential employment

Secure units, children's homes and hostels – Secure units, homes and hostels subject to Children's Homes regulations and homes and hostels not subject to Children's Homes regulations (this includes supported lodgings)

Other residential settings - Residential care homes , NHS Trust providing medical/nursing care, Family centre or mother and baby unit, and Young offenders institution or prison.

Percentage of Looked After Children with 3 or more placements during the year 2013/14 (old National Indicator 62)

The percentage of Children Looked After at 31st March with three or more placements during the year ending 31st March

	2010 (31 st March)	2011 (31 st March)	2012 (31 st March)	2013 (31 st March)	2014 (31 st March)
Merton	11.7%*	15.2%	13.9%	15.7%	12.7%
National	11%	11%	11%	11%	11%

Source: SSDA 903 *This was submitted to DfE but re-run of the report at 24-06-2010 showed the figure as 12.3% due to data changes on Carefirst after submission.

Notes: From 2015, children missing from placement will no longer count towards this indicator.

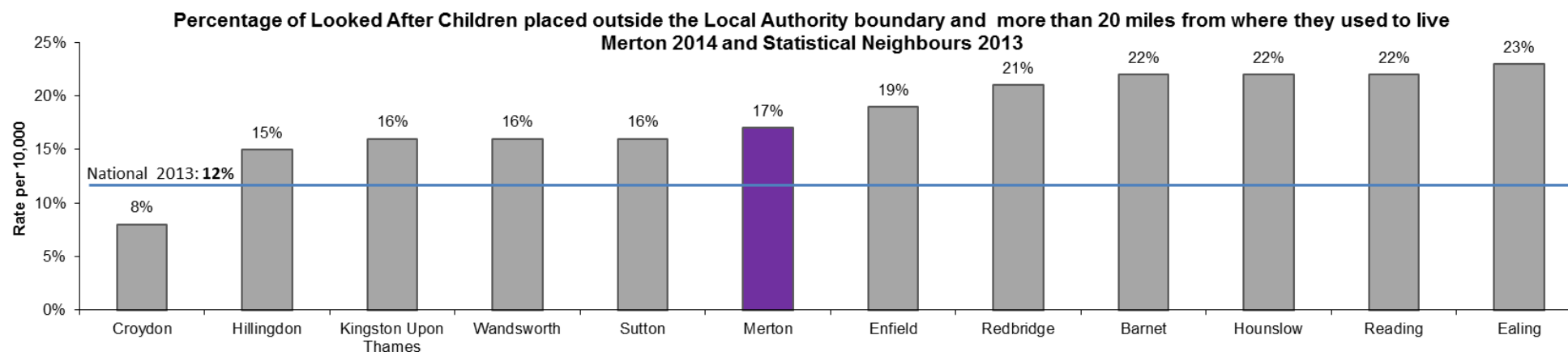
Percentage of Looked After Children Stability in their placement during the year 2013/14 (old National Indicator 63)

The percentage of Children Looked After aged under 16 at 31st March who had been looked after continuously for at least 2½ yrs, who were living in the same placement for at least 2 yrs, or are placed for adoption and their adoption and their adoptive placement together with their previous placement last for at least 2 yrs

	2010 (31 st March)	2011 (31 st March)	2012 (31 st March)	2013 (31 st March)	2014 (31 st March)	3 year average 2011, 2012 & 2013
Merton	50%	67%	68%	64%	58%	66%
National	67%	68%	68%	67%	not available	68%

Source: SSDA 903

Percentage of Looked After Children as at 31st March 2014 placed outside LA Boundary and more than 20 miles from where they used to live.



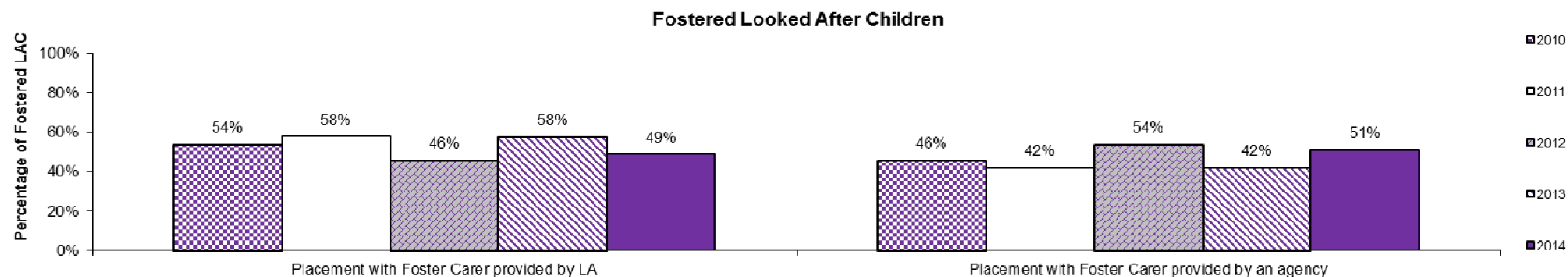
Whilst preparing our Looked After Children Sufficiency Strategy we are mindful of the exact borough in which our children are placed and our relative foster care provision and location be it provided by an in-house foster care or agency.

Fostered Looked After Children (as of 31st March)

Merton	Fostered Looked After Children* (percentage of Fostered Looked After Children*)									
	2010 (31 st March)		2011 (31 st March)		2012 (31 st March)		2013 (31 st March)		2014 (31 st March)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Placement with Foster Carer provided by LA within LA	42	44%	43	47%	31	37%	30	37%	33	33%
Placement with Foster Carer provided by LA outside LA	10	10%	10	11%	8	10%	17	21%	16	16%
Placement with Foster Carer provided by an agency within LA	5	5%	9	10%	5	6%	3	4%	4	4%
Placement with Foster Carer provided by an agency outside LA	39	41%	29	32%	40	48%	31	38%	47	47%
Placement with Foster Carer provided by LA	52	54%	53	58%	39	46%	47	58%	49	49%
Placement with Foster Carer provided by an agency	44	46%	38	42%	45	54%	34	42%	51	51%

*Excludes children placed with friends or family

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Section 4: Permanency

Number of Looked After Children Who Were Adopted or made subject of a Special Guardianship Order During the Year

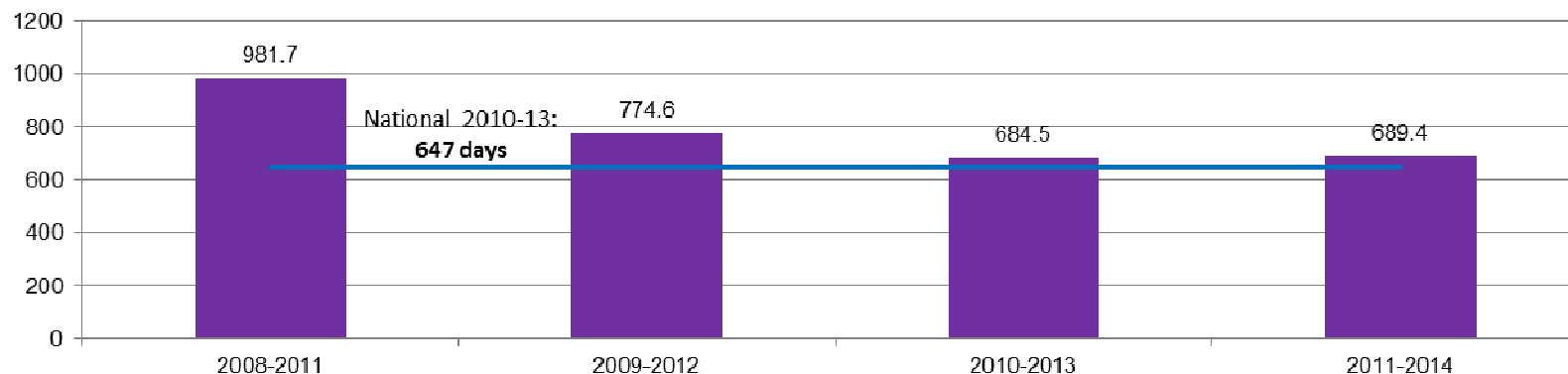
Ending 31 st March	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Adoptions	2	5	9	5	10
Special Guardianship Orders	6	5	3	3	4
Merton Total	8	10	12	8	14

Source: Children in Care and Adoption Performance Tables and SSDA 903

National adoption scorecard A1 indicator which presents the three year rolling average during which children enter and moving in where their permanent carers

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A1: Average time (days) between entering care and moving in with adoptive family, for children who have been adopted
Three year rolling average performance



2013/14 data is provisional therefore the three year average for 2011-14 is estimated and not yet published.

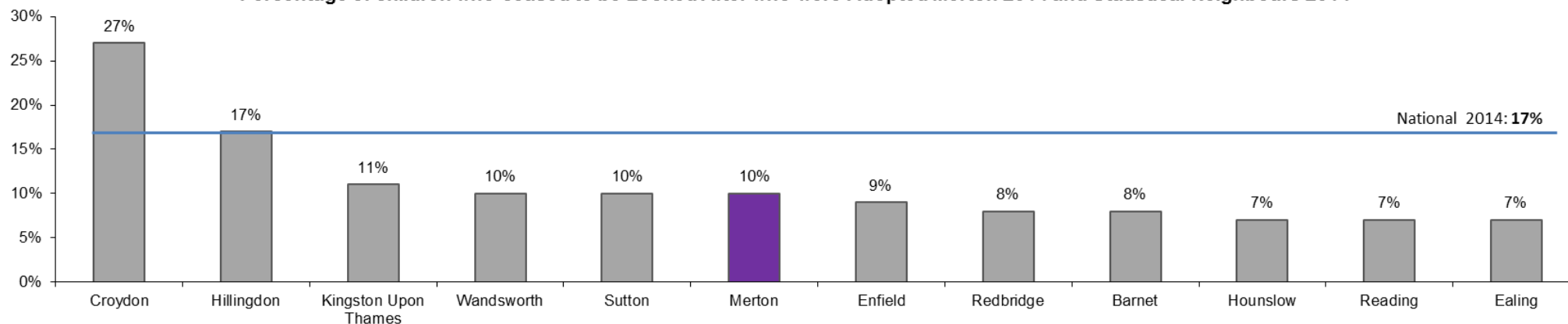
Percentage of children who ceased to be looked after who were adopted during 2013-201

Source: Children in Care and Adoption Performance Tables

Statistical Neighbour	2014 Single Year	3 year average 2011, 2012 & 2013 (%)		
	% LAC Adopted	A1: The average time between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family, for children who have been adopted (days)	A2: The average time between a local authority receiving court authority to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family (days)	A3: Percentage of children who wait less than 21 months between entering care and moving in with their adoptive family
Barnet	7%	679	130	57%
Croydon	7%	941	346	33%
Ealing	10%	520	85	56%
Enfield	11%	764	153	49%
Hillingdon	10%	708	187	54%
Hounslow	7%	672	222	54%
Kingston upon Thames	10%	555	218	51%
Merton	9%	685	256	42%
Reading	27%	625	218	46%
Redbridge	8%	627	204	47%
Sutton	17%	646	183	43%
Wandsworth	8%	792	246	45%
National	17%	647	210	55%

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Percentage of children who ceased to be Looked After who were Adopted Merton 2014 and Statistical Neighbours 2014



Section 5: Health

During the Year Substance Misuse of Children Looked After (LAC continuously for at least 12 months, ending 31 March 2014)

	Looked After for at least 12 months	Identified as having a substance misuse problem		Those who <u>received</u> an intervention for their substance misuse problem		Those who were <u>offered</u> an intervention but who <u>refused</u> it	
	Number	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
2014	83	7	8%	3	43%	4	57%
2013	84	9	11%	2	22%	7	78%
2012	75	15	19%	10	59%	n/a	n/a
2011	85	12	14%	8	67%	5	42%
2010	88	8	9%	3	38%	5	62%
National (2013)	47,200	1,660	4%	950	57%	570	34%

Health Care of Children Looked After (LAC continuously for at least 12 months, ending 31 March 2014)

	Looked After for at least 12 months	Children whose Immunisations were up-to-date	Children who had their Teeth Checked by a Dentist	Children who had their Annual Health Assessment
	Number	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
2014	83	95%	83%	95%
2013	84	90%	99%	98%
2012	74	89%	93%	97%
2011	85	93%	92%	88%
2010	88	93%	96%	88%
National (2013)	47,200	83%	82%	87%

Source: SSDA903

Emotional and Behavioural Health of Looked After Children (old National Indicator 58)

Average Score of Children Looked After for whom a Strengths & Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) was completed

Statistical Neighbours	As at 31 st March (Merton 2014, Statistical Neighbours and National 2013)		
	Percentage of Eligible Children for whom an SDQ score was submitted	Average Score (a low average score represents the best)	Average Score Rank (1st=Highest, 12th= Lowest)
Barnet	100%	13.0	8 th
Croydon	74%	12.6	9 th
Ealing	99%	13.3	7 th
Enfield	94%	13.4	6 th
Hillingdon	87%	11.6	12 ^h
Hounslow	96%	13.5	5 th
Kingston Upon Thames	94%	15.4	3 rd
Merton 2014	59%	12.4	10 th
Reading	96%	17.9	1 st
Redbridge	93%	11.9	11 th
Sutton	64%	17.6	2 nd
Wandsworth	92%	14.4	4 th
National	71%	14.0	-

Source: SSDA 903

Section 6: Education

Key Stage 1 (KS1)

The number of Children Looked After who were eligible to sit their Key Stage 1 assessments (at the end of Year 2) and the percentage of these children achieving at least the expected level (Level 2+)

Year	Number eligible to sit Key Stage 1 tasks and tests	Achieving Level 2+ in Reading	Achieving Level 2+ in Writing	Achieving Level 2+ in Mathematics
2013	1	100%	100%	100%
2012	1	100%	100%	100%
2011	4	75%	100%	100%
2010	1	100%	100%	100%
2009	3	67%	0%	67%
National (2013)		69%	61%	71%
All Merton Pupils (2013)		87%	81%	90%

Source: SSDA903 matched to the National Pupil Database

Key Stage 2 (KS2)

The number of Children Looked After who were eligible to sit their Key Stage 2 assessments (at the end of Year 6) and the percentage of these children achieving at least the expected level (Level 4+). Please note that national measures were changes in 2013 to report Reading, Mathematics and Writing rather than as previously English, Mathematics and Science.

Year	Number eligible to sit Key Stage 2 tasks and tests	Achieving Level 4+ in Reading	Achieving Level 4+ in Mathematics	Achieving Level 4+ in Writing	Achieving Level 4+ in Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation
2013	3	67%	67%	67%	33%
National (2013)		63%	59%	55%	45%
All Merton Pupils (2013)		90%	86%	85%	80%
Year	Number eligible to sit Key Stage 2 tasks and tests	National Indicator 99: Achieving Level 4+ in English	National Indicator 100: Achieving Level 4+ in Mathematics	Achieving Level 4+ in Science	Achieving Level 4+ in both English and Mathematics
2012	1	100%	100%	100%	100%
2011	5	40%	20%	40%	20%
2010	2	100%*	50%	50%	50%
2009	1	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: SSDA903 matched to the national pupil database

GCSEs or Equivalent

The number of Children Looked After who were eligible to sit their GCSEs (at the end of Year 11) and the percentage of these children achieving GCSEs

Year	Number in Year 11	Number who sat at least one GCSE	Percentage eligible who sat at least one GCSE or equivalent	Percentage who obtained			
				Any passes	5+ GCSEs at Grade A*-G or equivalent	5+ GCSEs at Grade A*-C or equivalent	National Indicator 101: 5+ GCSEs Grade A*-C including English and mathematics
2013	13	11	85%	85%	54%	23%	23%
2012	9	8	89%	89%	67%	44%	22%
2011	3	2	67%	67%	67%	33%	0%
2010	12	10	83%	67%	50%	17%	0%
2009	15	10	67%	67%	47%	20%	13%
National (2013)				<i>not available</i>	<i>not available</i>	37%	15%
All Merton Pupils (2013)				99%	95%	86%	63%

Source: SSDA903

Exclusions from School

The Children Looked After who had been looked after for at least 12 months

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Merton - Percentage of children permanently excluded	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
National - Percentage of children permanently excluded	0.37%	0.27%	0.24%	0.15%
Merton - Percentage of children with at least one fixed term exclusion	<i>Suppressed</i>	17.50%	<i>Suppressed</i>	20.93%
National - Percentage of children with at least one fixed term exclusion	13.32%	12.62%	11.81%	11.36%

Suppressed: number less than or equal to 5 or percentage where the numerator is less than or equal to 5 or the denominator is less than or equal to 10.

Absence from School

The Children Looked After who had been looked after for at least 12 months

	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Percentage Absence	Percentage classed as Persistent Absence	Percentage Absence	Percentage classed as Persistent Absence	Percentage Absence	Percentage classed as Persistent Absence	Percentage Absence	Percentage classed as Persistent Absence	Percentage Absence	Percentage classed as Persistent Absence
Merton	5.0%	<i>Suppressed</i>	6.3%	<i>Suppressed</i>	3.6%	0.0%	5.5%	<i>Suppressed</i>	3.9%	<i>Suppressed</i>
National	6.2%	8.8%	5.8%	7.8%	5.5%	7.3%	4.7%	6.0%	4.4%	5.0%

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Section 7: Care Leavers

Numbers of care leavers (19 year olds)

	2010 (31 st March)	2011 (31 st March)	2012 (31 st March)	2013 (31 st March)	2014 (31 st March)
Merton	13	13	17	20	29

Percentage of Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation (old National Indicator 147)

The percentage of former care leavers aged 19 who were looked after on 1st April in their 17th year, who were in suitable accommodation

	2010 (31 st March)	2011 (31 st March)	2012 (31 st March)	2013 (31 st March)	2014 (31 st March)
Merton	92%	92%	88%	85%	64%
Merton's Ranking Against Statistical Neighbours (out of 11)	3 rd	2 nd	6 th (joint)	8 th	not available
National	90%	90%	90%	88%	83%

Source: SSDA 903

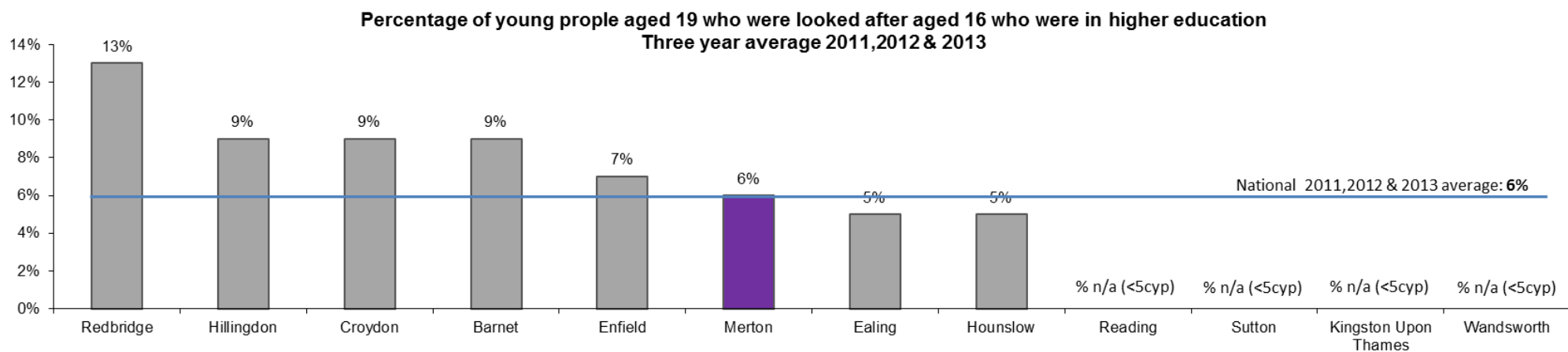
Percentage of Care Leavers in Education, Employment or Training (old National Indicator 148)

The percentage of former care leavers aged 19 who were looked after on 1st April in their 17th year, who were in education, employment or training

	2010 (31 st March)	2011 (31 st March)	2012 (31 st March)	2013 (31 st March)	2014 (31 st March)
Merton	61.5%	76.9%	70.6%	60.0%	60.0%
Merton's Ranking Against Statistical Neighbours (out of 11)	5 th	1 st	4 th	8 th	not available
National	62%	61%	58%	58%	53%
All Merton Young People	94.4%	94.6%	94.9%	95.4%	not available

Source: SSDA 903

The percentage of young people aged 19 who were looked after aged 16 who were in higher education



Staying Put (year ending the 31st March)

'Staying Put' relates to young people, who have turned 18 and left care in the year ending the 31st March 2014, eligible for care leaver support, i.e. those who have been looked after for a total of 13 weeks after their 14th birthday, including at least some time after their 16th birthday and remaining with their former foster carers at age 18.

One young person in 2013/14 met the criteria (4% of the eligible cohort).

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