

Headline Data

- ❑ Large increase in numbers of Looked After Children (LAC) since March 2016, from 340 to 396 on 31st March 2017.
- ❑ The increase in LAC has been due to children in care that have been through Care Proceedings rather than via section 20 (voluntary) agreements – over 25% extra than 31st March 2016.
- ❑ There has been a 43% increase in children and young people placed with Family and Friends approved as their foster carers during 2016-17.
- ❑ Despite the increase in LAC, the % that are placed more than 20 miles from home (outside the LA boundary) has remained very similar to 15-16 and is still lower than 2013-14 and 2014-15 levels
- ❑ Improvement in recording Care Leavers' contact information is resulting in a higher % of Care leavers in suitable accommodation and Care Leavers in Education, Training or Employment being reported.

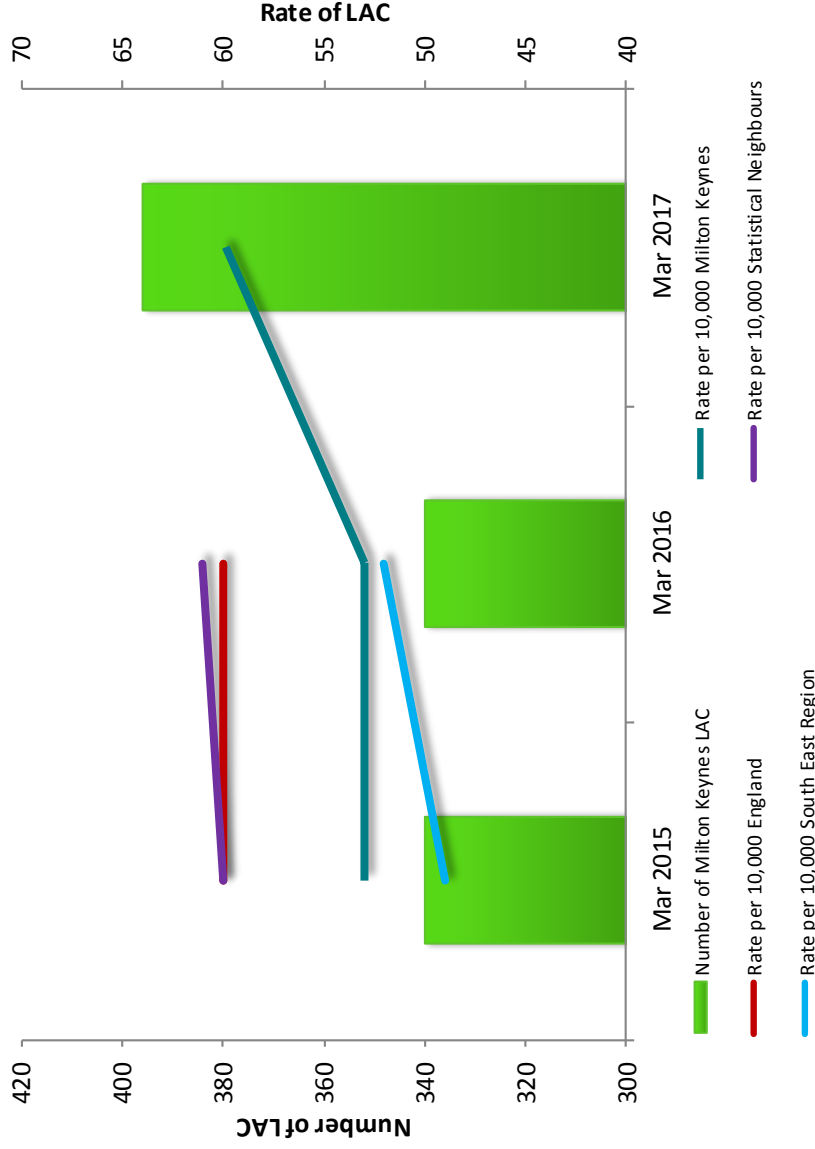
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Values reported for earlier years have been obtained from DfE figures where appropriate. Most values for 2016-17 are based on the data being put forward to the Annual Return. While there is some validation remaining, these numbers are not expected to change significantly

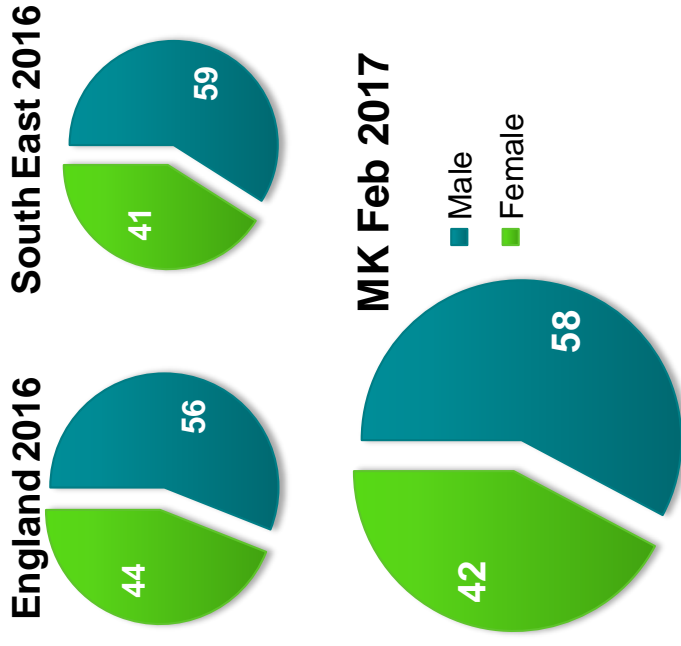
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Who is in our Care?

Numbers and Rates of Looked After Children by region



Gender split by %

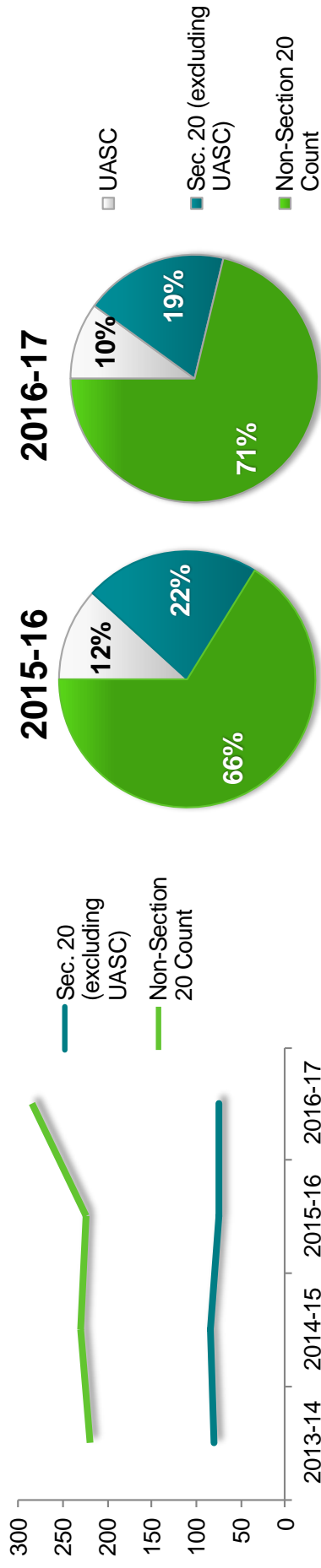


Numbers of LAC have increased by over 16% in the last year to the extent that our rate per 10,000 children of the population has now reached the National average reported in 2016, having been well below in March 2016. The National average for March 2017, when reported, is likely to increase.

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Increases in children and young people in care through Court Proceedings

Year	Section 20 % (voluntary)	Non-Section 20 % (via Court Proceedings)	Section 20 Count	UASC	Sec. 20 (excluding UASC)	Non-Section 20 Count
2010-11	24.1%	75.9%	65	10	55	205
2011-12	23.2%	76.8%	65	10	55	215
2012-13	23.2%	76.8%	65	5	60	215
2013-14	27.9%	72.1%	85	5	80	220
2014-15	32.4%	67.6%	110	25	85	230
2015-16	33.8%	66.2%	115	40	75	225
2016-17	28.5%	71.5%	113	39	74	283



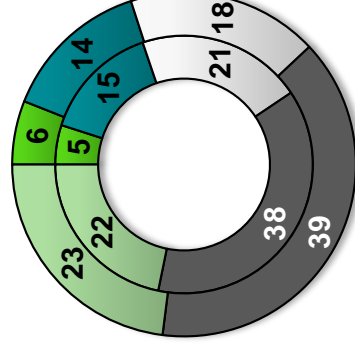
This is based on the current legal status of each child as at 31st March each year. For 2016-17 the number of section 20 (voluntary) agreements have remained stable, however non-s20 statuses have increased by over 25%

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Age Groupings

Age Group	MK 2015 %	England 2015%	MK 2016 %	England 2016%	MK 2017 %
Under 1	5	6	4	5	6
Aged 1 - 4	12	17	10	15	14
Aged 5 - 9	24	20	19	21	18
Aged 10 - 15	34	37	40	38	39
Aged 16 and over	25	21	26	22	23

Age breakdown for England 2016 (inner) and MK 2017 (outer) by %



- Under 1
- Aged 1 - 4
- Aged 5 - 9
- Aged 10 - 15
- Aged 16 and over

Ethnic Background

*General population ethnic origin data only available for 0-19 from 2011 census, Ethpop.org provide predicted figures for 2016 which have been used here – not known cases excluded

Ethnic Origin	MK LAC % 2016	MK LAC % 2017	MKC total 0-19 Population % 2016*	MK LAC % difference to total MKC 0-19 Population
White	70%	69%	67%	2%
Mixed	7%	9%	8%	1%
Asian / Asian British	8%	7%	12%	-5%
Black / Black British	12%	10%	12%	-2%
Other Ethnic Groups	4%	4%	1%	3%

Despite the increase in numbers, age and ethnic origin data has stayed very settled since March 2016. The general MK population suggests that LAC from an Asian background are underrepresented. 'Other' ethnic groups are over represented - this is mainly due to UASC (asylum seekers) who tend not to fall into a specific group.

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Who are our children and young people (CYP) living with?

Placement Types

Placement types	MK % 2015	MK % 2016	England % 2015	England % 2016
Foster placements	77	75	75	74
Placed for adoption	4	0	5	4
Placement with parents	4	6	5	5
Other placement in the community	3	4	3	4
Secure units, children's homes and semi-independent living accommodation	9	14	9	11
Other residential settings	0	0	2	1
Residential schools	0	0	1	0



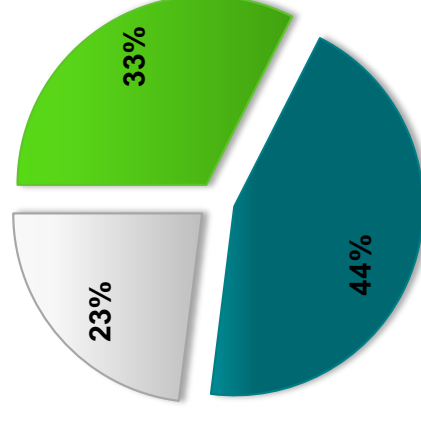
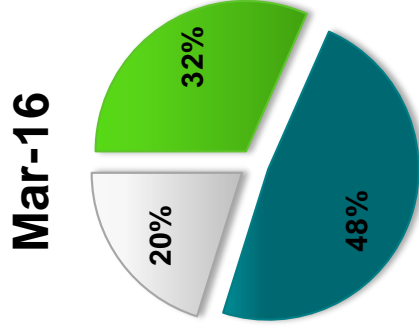
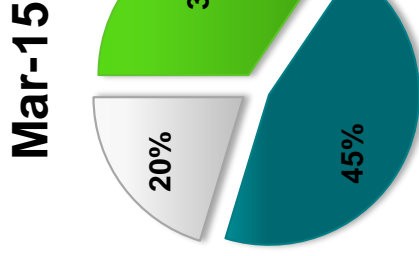
Fostering placements have increased by 5% and the combination of secure units, children's homes and semi-independent living has reduced by 3% since 2016, however there are no large increases or decreases across the different types

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Fostering

Fostering by Carer type

	Mar-15	Mar-16	Mar-17	% Increase from Mar-16
Number of children in foster placements	261	253	317	25%
Of which are placed with MKC carers	118	122	141	16%
Of which are placed with family and friends	53	51	73	43%
% foster placement which are in-house	65.5	68.3	67.5	-1%



Mar-17

■ Not In-House fostering

■ Of which are placed with MKC carers

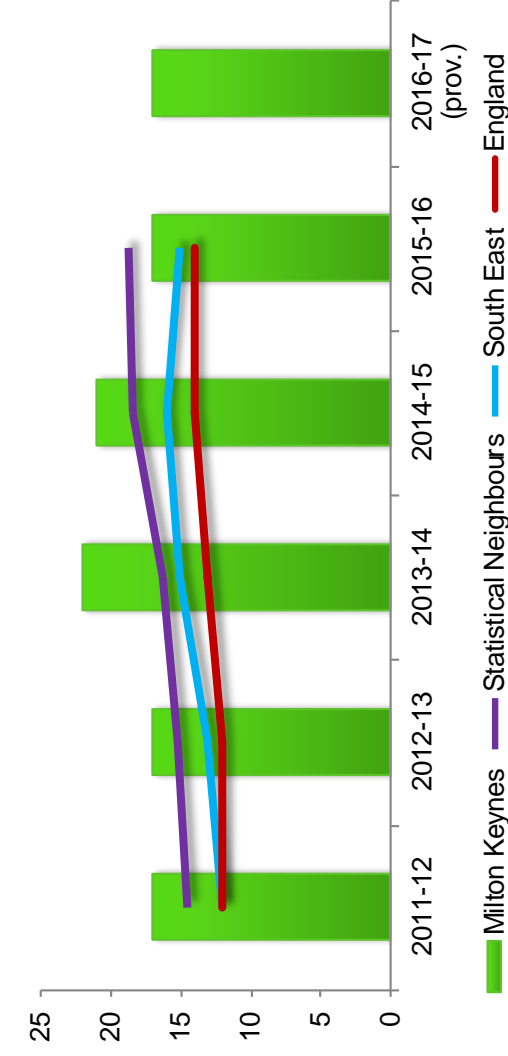
□ Of which are placed with family and friends

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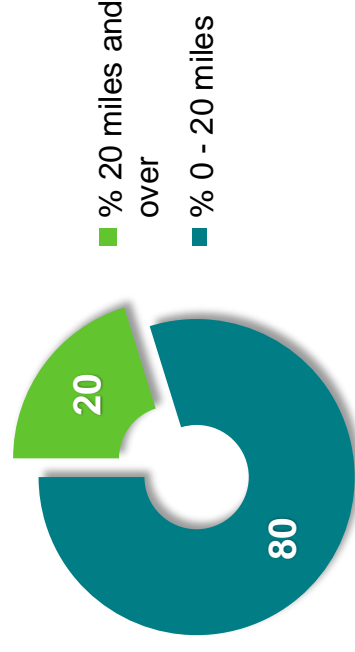
Where are our Young People Living?

% of children looked after, placed more than 20 miles from home - outside LA boundary

Region	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Milton Keynes	17	17	22	21	17	17
Statistical Neighbours	14.5	15.2	16.2	18.4	18.7	N/A
South East	12	13	15	16	15	N/A
England	12	12	13	14	14	N/A



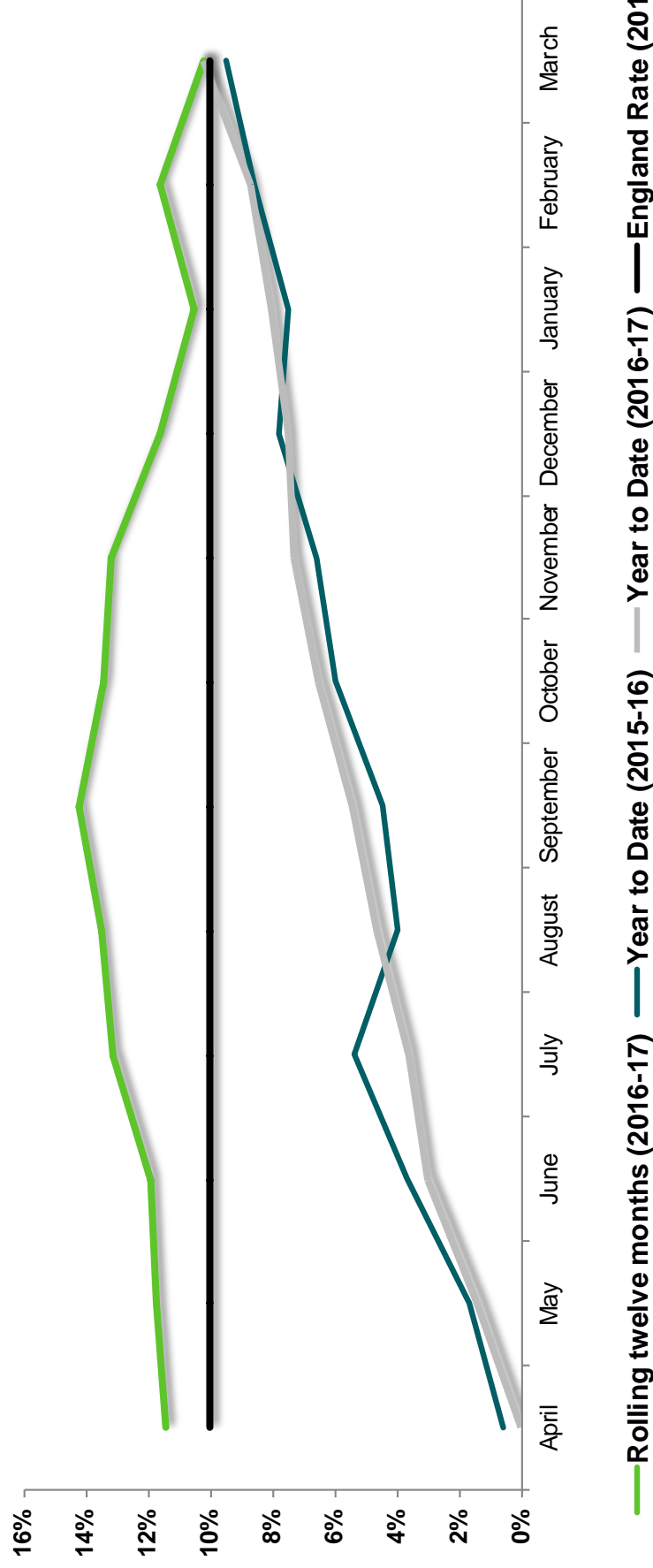
Distance from MK9 3HS – all Placements



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Providing stable homes for our children and young people

Percentage of LAC with 3 or more placements



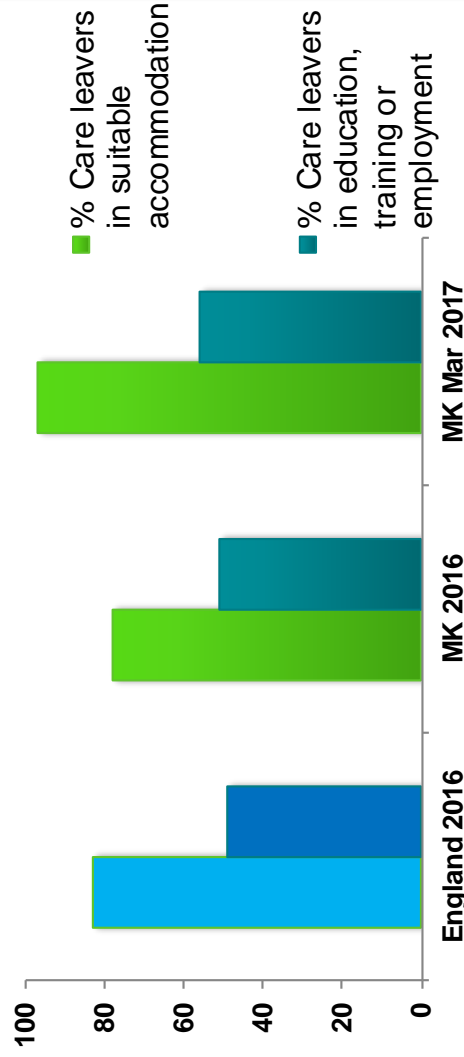
The percentage of children with 3 or more placement changes throughout the year has reduced since peaking in September to match a similar level to March 2016 by the end of the year. This is in part due to the high numbers of LAC pushing the % down, but the actual numbers have also reduced.

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Leaving Care

Care Leavers – in suitable accommodation and in education, training or employment







Milton Keynes Care Leavers	England 2016	MK 2016	MK Sep 2016	MK Dec 2016	MK Mar 2017
Care leavers in suitable accommodation %	83	78	94	98	97
Care leavers in education, training or employment %	49	51	56	61	56



Following the OFSTED Assessment in September, the reporting and reviewing for Care Leavers has been updated. Initial signs are that both indicators are much improved, however work is still being done to review this process as part of the Annual Return. Note that this is based on the time around the young person's birthday, which is not necessarily the most recent information

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% Participation with Child Care Reviews (which agree and monitor the child's care plan)

Participation Type	Q4 15-16	Q1 16-17	Q2 16-17	Q3 16-17	Q4 16-17
YP's attendance	53	59.4	64	53.6	59.1 
YP's participation	90.3	78.9	92.9	91.6	93.8 
Mothers' attendance	33.8	29.1	42.9	43.2	48.4 
Mothers' participation	59.6	46.4	69	77.3	80.4 
Fathers' attendance	17.9	13.5	24.6	28.4	31.3 
Fathers' participation	31.2	22.4	41.2	50.8	61.9 

Throughout 2016-17 participation and attendance by parents has improved drastically – over 10% increase for attendance and 20% increase in participation for both Mothers and Fathers since Q4 of 2015-16.

There was an increased drive from the Independent Reviewing Officers following Q3 to ensure that the Social workers reinforce the importance of attendance with the CYPs after the dip in attendance

This work ensured that attendance and participation percentages for the children and young people also increased by the end of Q4 (from the previous year).