

## Appendix 1

### Comparison of Looked After Children Population at 31 March 2015

(From published data <https://.statswales.wales.gov.uk>)

The rate of looked after children per 10,000 population under 18 years was 60 in England and 89 in Wales.

The rate for Flintshire was 69; third lowest in North Wales.

	England	Wales	Flintshire	Wrexham	Denbighshire	Conwy	Gwynedd	Angelsey
<b>All children looked after at 31 March 2015</b>	69540	5,615	220	175	160	160	195	90
<b>LAC rate per 10,000 popln. &lt;18</b>	60	89	69	60	83	73	82	65

The breakdown of LAC by age shows that there were a higher percentage of looked after children in the lower age groups in Wales than in England; this trend was more pronounced in Flintshire.

	England		Wales		Flintshire	
Under 1	3,710	5%	290	5%	11	5%
1 to 4	10,120	15%	995	18%	47	21%
5 to 9	14,310	21%	1,350	24%	62	28%
10 to 15	26,140	38%	2,040	36%	78	35%
16 and over	15,270	22%	940	17%	22	10%

The breakdown of category of need was similar in Flintshire to England, with the exception of Flintshire having a significantly bigger percentage of children looked after due to abuse or neglect (data for Wales was not available).

	England		Wales		Flintshire	
Abuse or neglect	42,710	61%			158	72%
Child's disability	2,250	3%			3	1%
Parents illness or disability	2,380	3%			3	1%
Family in acute stress	6,310	9%			13	6%
Family dysfunction	11,000	16%			31	14%
Socially unacceptable behaviour	1,130	2%			0	0%
Low income	140	0%			0	0%
Absent parenting	3,630	5%			12	5%

A significantly higher percentage of children in Flintshire were looked after under care orders, and fewer were accommodated under Section 20.

	England		Wales		Flintshire	
Care Orders	42,030	60%	3,875	69%	167	76%
S20	19,850	29%	1,080	19%	31	14%
Other	7,670	11%	660	12%	22	10%