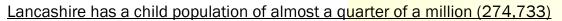
Lancashire safeguarding children board annual report summary



The wellbeing of children in Lancashire

One of the main concerns of the LSCB are the hospital admissions for alcohol and substance misuse and also for mental health and self harm, although information collected shows improvement Lancashire compares badly to the national average.

Child protection

The rate of child protection plans has increases significantly from 2014/2015 and is now above the national average, child protection plans that last got longer than 2 years or more has also increased from 2014/2015.

Children looked after

Data collected shows there has been an 18% decrease in the number of children becoming looked after and a 33% decrease in the number ceasing to be looked after, this means although fewer children are becoming looked after even fewer are being discharged from services.

Children missing from home, care or education

The data collected shows a reduction on repeat incidents in missing form home from residential care homes, this could be a reflection of the positive responses from police on building relationships with the residential homes and their residents

Children placed in Lancashire from other areas

There are around 1,000 children living in Lancashire from other local authorities

Children whose parents are in prison

Work will be undertaken in 2016/2017 to ensure that these children are identified and their families are supported

Children in custody

Action taken by the authorities resulted in children no longer being sent to Hindley and are now mostly sent to Wetherby

Views of children and young people

The LSCB has developed strong arrangements for involving children and young people in various aspects of its work

Troubled families

The long term ambition of the programme is to build resilience within families and therefore reduce the dependency on services, and to ensure that families are supported to achieve the best possible outcomes