

Supporting the educational achievement and aspirations of looked after children

Corporate Parenting Board

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Profile of Looked After Children

- 198 looked after children of compulsory school age
- 116 secondary education - 82 primary education
- 30.5% (2007-08) reported to have SEN statement - compared to less than 3% of all children
- 49% currently identified as being at some stage of the SEN Code of Practice
- Additional 45 children receive regular respite care





Information shared at Regional Education Protects Network on 10th December 2008

LOCAL AUTHORITY		Educated in own authority	Educated outside of authority
<i>Total number of LAC of school age noted in red</i>			
Northumberland	200	160	40
Newcastle	150	30	120
North Tyneside	85	50	35
Darlington	63	27	36
Middlesbrough	188	96	92
Hartlepool	70	40	30
Gateshead	125	80	45
Redcar & Cleveland	65	20	45
Stockton	90	50	40



Overall analysis of Looked After Children who achieved the national attainment level at Key Stage 1- cohort at least 12 months continuously LAC

Subject	LAC (2005- 06) 11 in cohort	LAC (2006- 07) 5 in cohort	LAC (2007- 08) 9 in cohort (2 educated in M'bro)
Achieved L2+			
English reading	45.5% (5)	40% (2) 55.1%	66.7%(6)
English writing	36.4% (4)	40% (2) 50.7%	44.4%(4)
Maths	72.2% (8)	40% (2) 63.6%	66.7% (6)

- **Percentage of LAC nationally achieving Level 2 +**
- Number in cohort too small to publish results nationally
- 6 out of 10 statistical neighbours not published nationally 2006-07 due to low numbers



Overall analysis of Looked After Children who achieved the national attainment level at Key Stage 2 - cohort at least 12 months continuously LAC

Subject	LAC (2005- 06) 12 in cohort	LAC (2006- 07) 17 in cohort	LAC (2007- 08) 12 in cohort (1 educated in M'bro)
Achieved L4+			
English	50% (6)	71% (12) 45.9%	33.3% (4)
Maths	41.7% (5)	53% (9) 43.4%	33.3% (4)
Science	66.7% (9)	82% (14) 58.8%	50% (6)

- **Percentage of LAC nationally achieving Level 4 +**
- 5 out of 10 statistical neighbours not published nationally 2006-07 due to low numbers



Overall analysis of Looked After Children who achieved the national attainment level at Key Stage 3 - at least 12 months continuously LAC

Subject	LAC (2005- 06)	LAC (2006- 07)	LAC (2007- 08)
Achieved L5+	13 in cohort	9 in cohort	27 in cohort (8 educated in M'bro)
English	30.8% (4)	0% 29.2%	37%(10)
Maths	30.8% (4)	11% (1) 30.7%	29.6% (8)
Science	23% (3)	0% 29.2%	18.5% (5)

- **Percentage of LAC nationally achieving Level 5 +**
- Number in cohort too small to publish results nationally
- 4 out of 10 statistical neighbours not published nationally 2006-07 due to low numbers



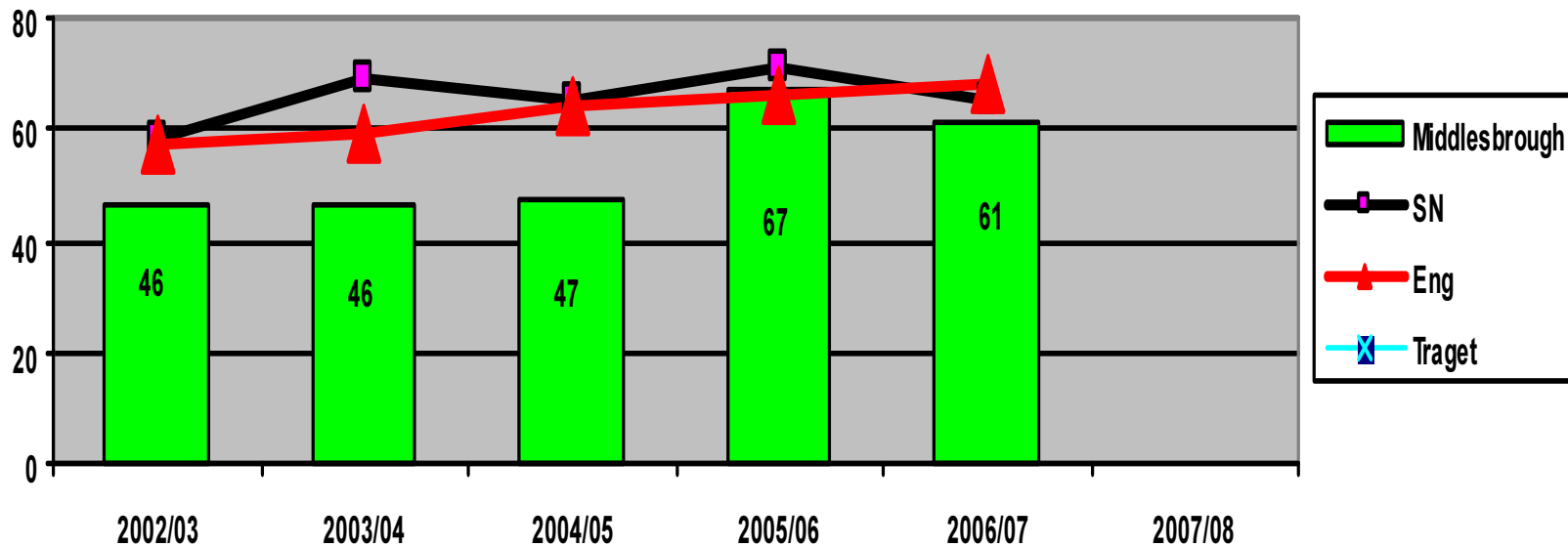
Overall analysis of Looked After Children who achieved the national attainment level at Key Stage 4 - at least 12 months continuously LAC

Academic Year	2005-06 15 in cohort	2006-07 23 in cohort	2007-08 14 in cohort (7 educated in M'bro)
Achieved 5+ A*-C	13.3% (2)	13%(3) 12.6%	14.3%(2)
Achieved 5+A*-G	46.7% (7)	35% (8) 43.1%	42.9%(6)
Achieved 1+A*-G	66.7% (10)	61% (14) 63.7%	57.1% (8)
Did not sit/not entered	33.3% (5)	39% (9)	42.9% (6)

- **National comparative data for Looked After Children**
- 8 out of 10 statistical neighbours have their results published nationally



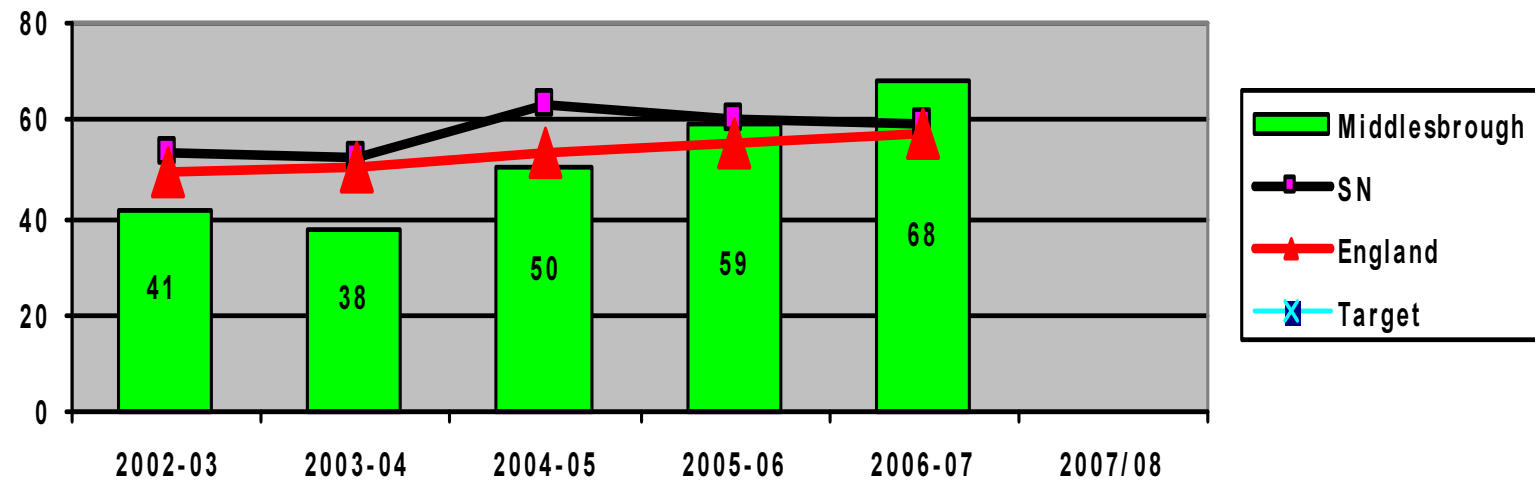
Percentage of looked after children in year 11 eligible for GCSE (or equivalent) who sat at least one GCSE/equivalent exam



Middlesbrough is in line with both National and Statistical Neighbours.



Percentage of young people leaving care aged 16 or over with at least one GCSE at grade A*-G or a GNVQ (BVPI 50)



Middlesbrough is performing above both National and Statistical Neighbours at 68.42%



DCSF statistical release for Looked After Children

- The DCSF statistical release on outcome indicators for Looked After Children for twelve months up to 30th September 2008 is to be released on 30th April 2009.





Statistical neighbours - numbers of LAC continuously looked after for at least 12 months + (2006- 2007 data)

LOCAL AUTHORITY	NUMBERS OF LAC	Numbers of LAC of compulsory school age	% of LAC WITH 1+ or 5+ GCSEs or GNVQ equivalent
Middlesbrough	180	155	61% 1+ GCSE 35% 5+ GCSE
Salford	465	355	50% 1+ GCSE 36% 5+ GCSE
Hartlepool	85	70	Not published
Rochdale	235	185	42% 1+ GCSE
South Tyneside	180	135	94% 1+ GCSE 50% 5+GCSE
Halton	125	95	Not published
Knowsley	235	175	58% 1+GCSE 37% 5+GCSE
Kingston upon Hull	385	300	66% 1+ GCSE 37% 5+ GCSE
Redcar & Cleveland	105	85	59% 1+ GCSE 41% 5+ GCSE
Stoke on Trent	345	255	62% 1+GCSE 31% 5+ GCSE
Tameside	260	200	67% 1+ GCSE 45% 5+ GCSE



South Tyneside Education Support Team

- **South Tyneside**
- **94% achieved 1+ GCSE grades A*-G**
- **50% achieved 5+ GCSEs grades A*- C**
180 LAC continuously looked after for 12 months plus – 135 of compulsory school age
- **EDUCATION SUPPORT TEAM CONSISTS OF:**
 - Education Support Manager
 - Project manager - co-ordinates individual learning support
 - 3 fte Learning Mentors – provide individual learning support and advice
 - 2 fte Project Workers – organise activities, deal with referrals, offer training to partners
 - 1 fte Admin worker
- **KEY LESSONS**
 - There is no magic wand
 - Relatively small number of LAC
 - Political and managerial priority given to improving the life chances of LAC
 - Recognition that change does not happen overnight



Education Looked After Children Team (ELAC team)

Main aim – to advocate on behalf of all looked after children, to ensure they receive the best possible support available within the education system, to enable them to achieve their potential.

- 1 fte Manager
- 1 fte Education Welfare Officer
 - 22.5 hrs in post
 - 14.5 hrs vacant since September 2008 – expected to be in post in June 2009
- 0.5 teaching assistant
- 0.5 admin support – vacant post since December 2008, currently in process of being advertised



Support available to Looked After Children

- Dedicated ELAC team
- Dedicated Connexions support – 2 days per week equivalent
- Dedicated Education Psychology support
- Designated teachers – statutory footing
- Designated Governors
- Links with school improvement service
- Links with the Education Welfare Service
- Support of leisure and youth services to encourage participation in extra-curricular activities



Support available to Looked After Children (continued)

- Support of libraries in distributing free Book Start packs
- Links with Teesside University via Aim Higher initiative
- Money available from School Management Forum to support young people in Key Stage 4
- Commissioned service - Welfare Call
- Training and support provided to carers, parents & social workers, to ensure education remains a priority focus
- Development of Looked After Children (LAC) Strategy
- Introduction of Personal Education Allowance (PEA) to all eligible looked after children of compulsory school age – Care Matters Grant