

Children missing from care

Health & Wellbeing Board

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**Nottinghamshire
County Council**

Children missing from care in Nottinghamshire April – September 2013

900
children
in care

70
Children
missing
from care

41%
found within
5 hours

78%
found in
under a
day

96%
found in
under 72
hrs



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Other statistics (Apr-Sept 2013)

On average aged **15**
when reported missing

190 missing from care
episodes

68% of those missing
from care have done so
on more than one
occasion

22 children are
responsible for 63%
of missing from care
episodes

**No children in our
care under the age of
14 have been missing
for more than 24
hours**



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Missing from care process

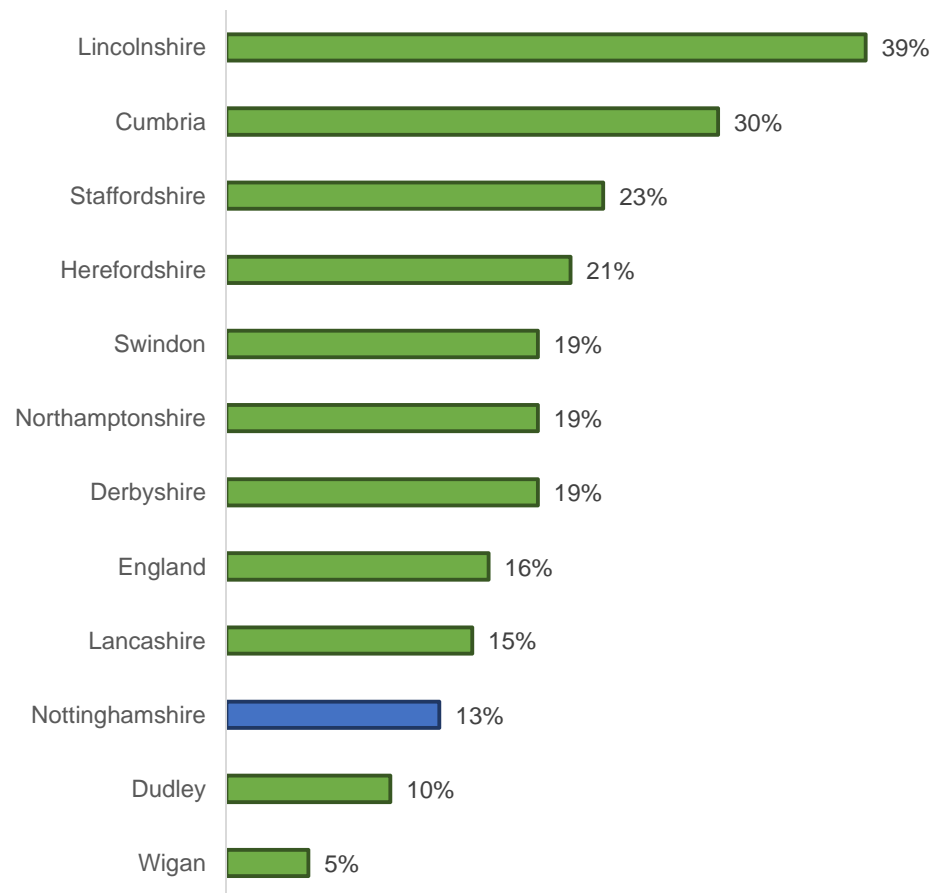
1. Phone call to the Police by the Foster Carer or Residential Home
2. Missing Notification recorded by the Police
3. CSC notified of the missing report (episode)
4. Police 'safe & well check' when found
5. CSC Children Missing Officer notified of 'found' report
6. Return interview completed by Social Worker
7. Multi-agency meeting co-ordinated if required

“Many councils...decant children to homes far from family, friends and social workers who know them”

Michael Gove – 12th Sept 13

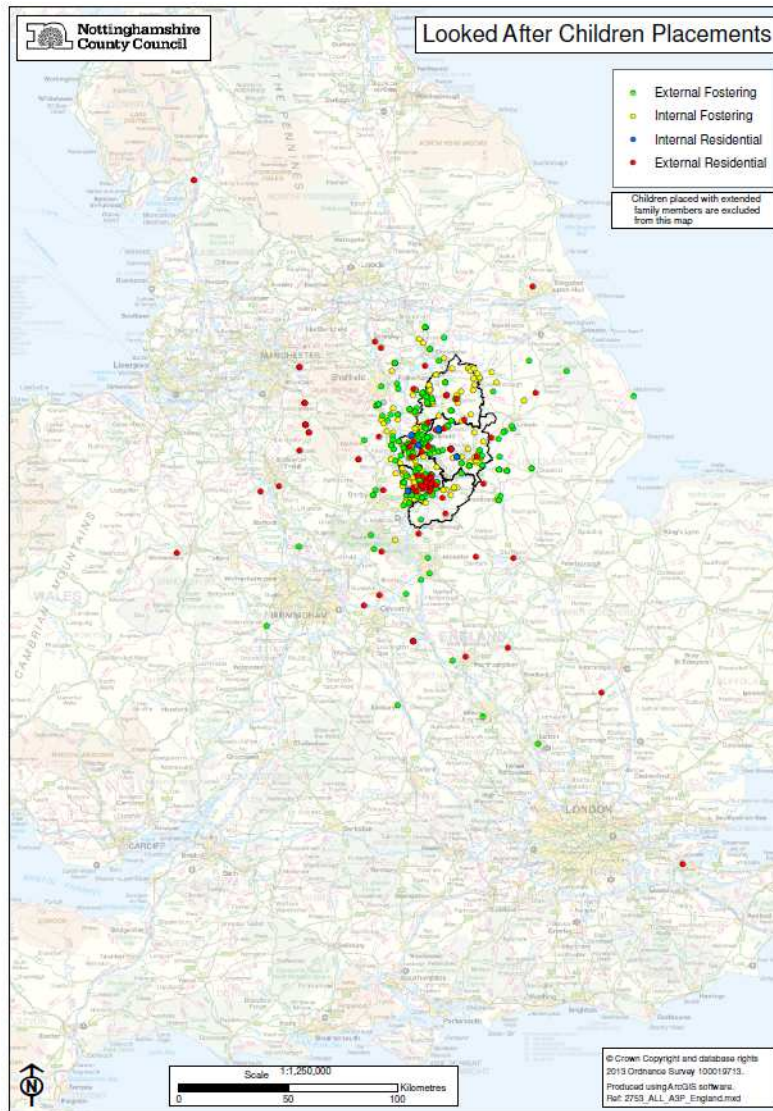
Children in our care placed more than 20 miles from home address

LAA6: % of Children looked after placed more than 20 miles from their home address



- Nottinghamshire place most children in their care close to their local communities
- Counties usually place children in their care further away from their home address

Where are our looked after children placed?



- The majority of children are in foster care
- **11%** in a residential care home
- **21%** of looked after children are placed out-of-county
- The majority of our out-of-county placements are still within the East Midlands
- Children most likely to go missing from residential care