

# **Children missing from care**

Health & Wellbeing Board

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# 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 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 13

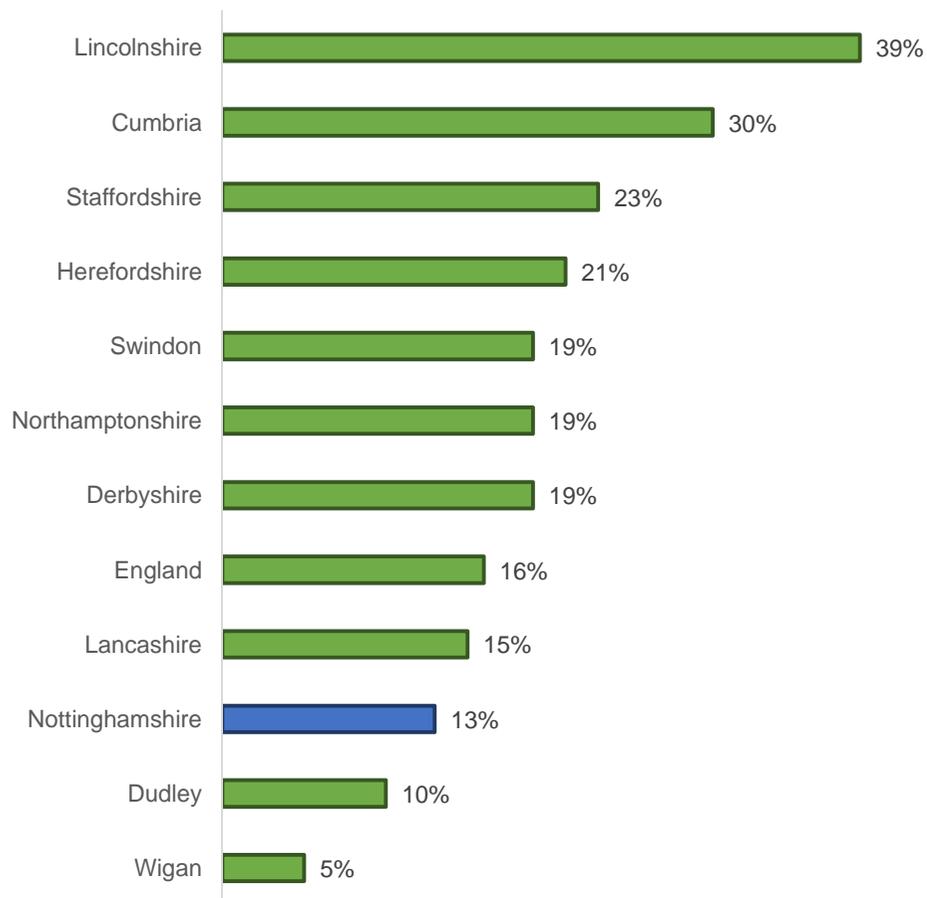


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Quote taken from article by Michael Gove in the Daily Telegraph, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013

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

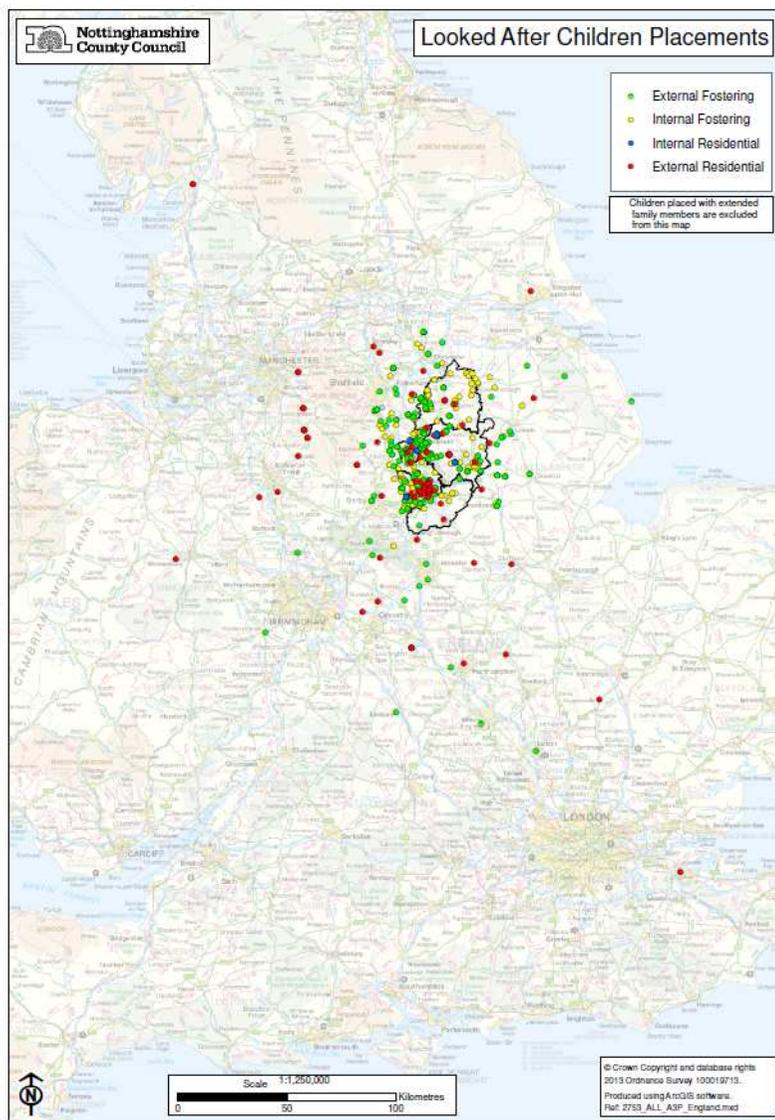
LAA6: % of Children looked after placed more than 20 miles from their home address



- 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