

**Children who started to be looked after during the year ending 31 March 2006 and who were subject to a care order, by category of need<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>**

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Category of need	Children who started to be looked after for any reason	Children who started to be looked after subject to a care order	Children who started to be looked after for any reason	Children who started to be looked after subject to a care order
<b>All Children<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>24,200</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Abuse or neglect	11,400	3,100	47	74
Disability	790	50	3	1
Parents illness or disability	1,500	190	6	5
Family in acute stress	2,800	260	12	6
Family dysfunction	3,100	470	13	11
Socially unacceptable behaviour	1,300	30	5	1
Low income	60	10	0	0
Absent parenting	3,300	70	14	2

1. Only the first occasion on which a child started to be looked after in the year has been counted.
2. Figures exclude children looked after under an agreed series of short term placements.
3. Figures are taken from the SSDA903 return.
4. For the purpose of preserving confidentiality, figures greater than 1000 have been rounded to the nearest 100 and figures less than 1000 have been rounded to the nearest 10. As a result, totals may differ to the sum of their components.