

- 3) Look at the overlaps between different vulnerability characteristics in order to identify assess numbers of children with multiple vulnerabilities. This poses the greatest technical challenge, and it remains a work in progress. However, we have managed to use national survey data, cohort studies and panel surveys to enable more of this to be done. Going forward, we have helped establish the 'Data for Children' partnership run from Oxford University, and are involving the ONS to improve the way that datasets held by different government agencies can be linked together to answer these questions.
- 4) Map vulnerabilities against services provided, so we can understand the gap between provision and need, and focus on those most vulnerable of all: the children at risk who are not being helped or even identified.

Below I have included our top-level figures for this year, and I have attached a spreadsheet with the underlying technical information. As you know, we have also made as much of this information as possible available at local authority level, through my CHLDNRN app <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/chldrn/>. In response to previous feedback from you, my office has been working on making this data available by parliamentary constituency and local authority district, and this will shortly be included in the next update of CHLDNRN.

All best wishes,



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Vulnerability Groups - Children and Young People			CCO estimate	
CYP receiving statutory care or support	Looked after CYP	Looked after CYP	78,150	
		Foster care inc. fostered with friends/family	56,160	
		Placed for adoption	2,190	
		Placement with parents	5,210	
		Other placements in the community	3,400	
	CYP in secure settings	CYP in immigration detention		
		CYP in youth custody	859	
		CYP in mental health secure tier 4	1,241	
		CYP in secure welfare accommodation	88	
	Children in Need (CIN)			392,150
	CYP who are subject to a Child Protection Plan (CPP)			51,050
	CYP with prior care experience	Former relevant and qualifying CYP	490	
		CYP who returned to their family prior to their 16th birthday		
		Adopted CYP	3,570	
CYP on Special Guardianship Orders (SGO)		25,438		
CYP who have SEN or disability - CYP with SEN statements or EHC plans			294,800	
CYP known to have experienced specific personal harm	CYP who have been victims of maltreatment	CYP who have been sexually abused/exploited	207,207	
		CYP who have been trafficked	2,345	
		CYP who have been neglected	951,643	
		CYP who have been physically abused	388,462	
		CYP who have been emotionally abused	565,348	
		CYP who have been victims of FGM	930	
		CYP victims of crime (other than abuse)	269,000	
CYP with a disability, ill-health or developmental	CYP who have SEN	CYP with SEN support (without statements or EHC plans)	1,079,000	
		CYP with speech or communication difficulties	279,549	

		CYP with Autism Spectrum Disorder	27,738	
		CYP with learning disabilities	299,624	
	CYP with physical ill-health	CYP who have physical health issues - CYP with a longstanding illness		1,683,432
		CYP who have physical health issues - CYP with a limiting longstanding illness		815,359
		CYP with life-limiting illness		37,974
	CYP with emotional and mental health issues	CYP with self-reported emotional and mental health issues		1,032,898
		CYP receiving mental health treatment		339,850
		CYP receiving in-patient mental health treatment		1,167
	CYP in households or families with characteristics or locations that indicate higher potential likelihood of current or future harm	CYP who are homeless or who are in insecure/unstable housing		129,380
		CYP in poverty	CYP on Free School Meals	
CYP in low-income families and materially deprived			593,000	
CYP in destitution				
CYP in Food Poverty			1,959,431	
CYP in workless families		1,113,028		
CYP in families with poor inter-parental relationship		1,263,690		
CYP in lone-parent families		2,658,111		
CYP of prisoners		113,000		
CYP living with friends or wider family (informal kinship care)				
CYP whose parents use substances problematically		472,000		
CYP in households that report domestic abuse		831,000		
CYP with mental ill-health in the family		900,000		
CYP in locations with concentrated poverty and deprivation		1,497,315		
CYP not meeting the threshold of social worker intervention		178,255		
CYP in 'Troubled Families'		397,749		
CYP who are vulnerable of concern by virtue of their	CYP at risk of forced marriage		574	
	CYP with unresolved immigration status	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking CYP (UASC)	5,070	

		CYP arriving under Dublin Regulations	714	
		CYP in families seeking asylum	5,655	
		Undocumented CYP	120,000	
	Refugees			
	Gypsy, Roma, Traveller CYP		23,734	
	LGBTQ+ CYP		310,000	
CYP at risk in relation to the activity or institutions outside the home	CYP believed to be radicalised		110	
	Missing CYP		55,807	
	CYP outside mainstream education	CYP excluded		199,765
		CYP in Alternative Provision & Pupil Referral Units		36,664
		CYP missing from mainstream education		49,187
		Young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)		51,500
	Young people involved with the criminal justice system		26,681	
	CYP involved with or vulnerable to gangs		29,000	
Bullied CYP		805,738		
CYP caring for others	Teenage parents		6,105	
	Young carers		102,000	