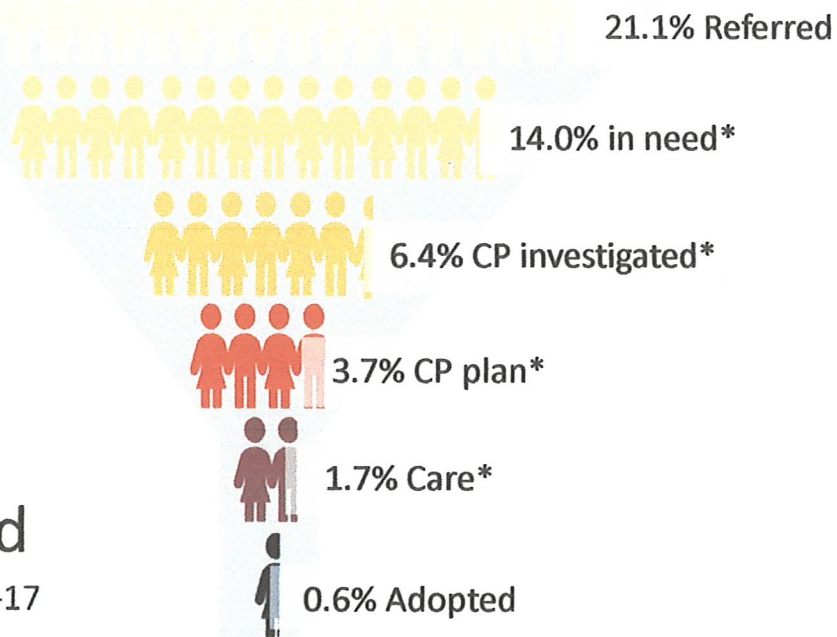


## Children involved in social care in England before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2016-17

**1 in 16**  
of all children  
**CP investigated**  
before 5<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2016-17



### Change in 5 years

+16% Referred  
+33% In Need  
+51% CP Investigated  
+36% CP Plan  
+20% Care  
+52% Adopted



Increase in number of children  
involved in CSC before 5<sup>th</sup> birthday in  
2011-12 vs 2016-17

### Postcode Lottery

#### Highest Local Authority Rates

47.7% Referred in Manchester

41.0% In Need in Wakefield

17.4% CP investigated in Blackpool

11.0% CP Plan in Blackpool

5.1% Care in Blackpool

1.9% Adopted or on placement order  
in Southampton

1.4% Adopted in Blackpool

% of children who have experienced this involvement in  
CSC before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2016-17

Notes: Figures are from a freedom of information request with between 65 and 88 English local authorities responding to each question. Counts include children who had experienced a service at least once before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. Percentages are of mid 2016 population of 5-year-olds.

\*CP investigated is children who have had a section 47 inquiry; CP plan is those who had a child protection plan; care is those with any period looked after before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday; Placement order is those in care on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and on a placement order; and CSC is children's social care.