



How do you, as a Local Authority, meet your **responsibilities** to children and young people?

- How do you know what they are **saying**?
- Where are the gaps **in provision**?
- Where do you focus **your efforts**?
- Particularly in times of tightening budgets, is it more likely that vulnerable children will **slip through the net**?

Children in Care Survey

The Children in Care Survey is designed to find out what children and young people between the ages of 8 and 18 think about their care and issues affecting them, including:

- **specific care questions relating to placement**
- **safety & support**
- **emotional wellbeing**
- **future aspirations**

We have run the Children in Care Survey in Gloucestershire every 2 years since 2011 in our OPS 'off years'. The aim of the survey is to give children in care a voice that is often difficult to find. Some of the questions are a subset of the Online Pupil Survey, to allow comparisons with the general population to be made (for example, by selecting responses from the previous years' OPS) - these comparisons can easily be made using our online reporting and data visualisation tool, **Lodeseeker™** where different surveys can be selected and/or combined from the survey setup panel. It is easy to tailor your reports by using the numerous filters and report types available.

There are also children in care specific questions relating to placement, relationships with key workers, relationships and activities with carers and effectiveness of support mechanisms.

The survey takes about 20-30 minutes, survey access is pupil-specific but coded to maintain anonymity and is usually administered through schools. All questions are free to answer or not if the child or young person would rather not share their experience.

The Children in Care Survey offers Local Authorities and partner agencies a low-cost, efficient, quick and easy way to gain valuable insight into the lives of vulnerable children.

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