

The following information has been extracted from the Department for Education Guidance notes for the Children in Need Census data returns for 2016-2017.

### **Children in need census data modules**

There are 4 modules of data in this children in need census, each with its own set of data items:

#### **1. Child identifiers**

- 1.1. 'LA child ID';
- 1.2. Unique pupil number (UPN);
- 1.3. Pupils former unique pupil number;
- 1.4. UPN unknown reason (optional);
- 1.5. Date of birth;
- 1.6. Expected date of birth
- 1.7. Gender;
- 1.8. Date of death.

#### **2. Child characteristics**

- 2.1. Child ethnicity;
- 2.2. Type of disability.

#### **3. Children in need details**

- 3.1. Referral date;
- 3.2. Referral no further action;
- 3.3. Source of referral;
- 3.4. Primary need code;
- 3.5. 'CIN' closure date;
- 3.6. Reason for closure;
- 3.7. Date of initial child protection conference (transfer in cases);
- 3.8. Assessment group;
  - 3.8.1. Assessment actual start date;
  - 3.8.2. Assessment internal review point date (optional);
  - 3.8.3. Assessment authorisation date.
- 3.9. Factors at assessment (factors at end of assessment process);
- 3.10. Section 47 group;
  - 3.10.1. Section 47 enquiry actual start date;
  - 3.10.2. Target date for initial child protection conference (optional);
  - 3.10.3. Date of initial child protection conference;
  - 3.10.4. Initial child protection conference not required.

#### **4. Child protection plans**

- 4.1. Child protection plan start date;
- 4.2. Initial category of abuse;
- 4.3. Latest category of abuse;
- 4.4. Number of previous child protection plans;
- 4.5. Child protection plan end date;
- 4.6. Plan review date;
- 4.7. Seen by social worker.

### **Multiple entries of some types of data**

Since a particular child can have more than one CIN episode or child protection plan, some of the data in these modules can be repeated for each child.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-in-need-census-2016-to-2017-guide>

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/480437/CLA\\_SSDA903\\_Guide\\_2016\\_2017\\_v1.1.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/480437/CLA_SSDA903_Guide_2016_2017_v1.1.pdf)

The following information has been extracted from the Department for Education Guidance notes for the SSDA903 looked after children and adoption data returns for 2016-2017.

## **Part 2: Data items collected via the SSDA903 return**

The data items collected via the SSDA903 return fall into the following 10 modules:

### Part 2: Data items collected via the SSDA903 return

#### 2.1 Header information – to be collected for all children

- 2.1.1 Child identifier
- 2.1.2 Gender
- 2.1.3 Date of birth
- 2.1.4 Ethnic origin code
- 2.1.5 Unique pupil number (UPN)
- 2.1.6 Motherhood status
- 2.1.7 Date of birth of mother's child

#### 2.2 Episode information

- 2.2.1 Date episode commenced
- 2.2.2 Reason for new episode of care
- 2.2.3 Legal status
- 2.2.4 Category of need code
- 2.2.5 Home postcode
- 2.2.6 Placement postcode
- 2.2.7 Placement unique reference number (URN)
- 2.2.8 Placement type
- 2.2.9 Placement provider
- 2.2.10 Date episode ceased
- 2.2.11 Reason episode ceased
- 2.2.12 Reason for placement change

#### 2.3 Review information

- 2.3.1 Date of each statutory review
- 2.3.2 Method of participation in each review

#### 2.4 Unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC)

- 2.4.1 UASC status
- 2.4.2 Date UASC status ceased

#### 2.5 Adoptions (AD1)

- 2.5.1 Purpose of items collected relating to children adopted from care
- 2.5.2 Children for whom these data items should be completed
- 2.5.3 Validation
- 2.5.4 Stages of an adoption
- 2.5.5 How should a S84 order for a child adopted outside England be recorded? And what if they subsequently return to be looked after in England?
- 2.5.6 Special guardianship orders
- 2.5.7 Dates
- 2.5.8 Date of decision child should be placed for adoption
- 2.5.9 Date of matching child and prospective adopters
- 2.5.10 Whether child adopted by former foster carers
- 2.5.11 Number of adopters

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- 2.5.12 Gender of adopters
- 2.5.13 Legal status of adopters
- 2.6 Children who should/should no longer be placed for adoption
  - 2.6.1 Date of decision that the child should be placed for adoption
  - 2.6.2 Date of decision that the child should no longer be placed for adoption
  - 2.6.3 Reason why the child should no longer be placed for adoption
- 2.7 Return to care after or during previous permanent arrangement
  - 2.7.1 Previous permanence option
  - 2.7.2 Local authority code where previous permanence option was arranged
  - 2.7.3 Date of order
- 2.8 Children missing from care
  - 2.8.1 Missing
  - 2.8.2 Missing episode start date
  - 2.8.3 Missing episode end date
- 2.9 OC2 (to be collected for children continuously looked after for 12 months at 31 March)
  - 2.9.1 Merging the OC2 return into the SSDA903
  - 2.9.2 Background to the OC2 return
  - 2.9.3 Children covered by this return
  - 2.9.4 Child convicted during the year
  - 2.9.5 Health surveillance checks up to date
  - 2.9.6 Immunisations up to date
  - 2.9.7 Teeth checked by a dentist
  - 2.9.8 Annual health assessment up to date
  - 2.9.9 Child identified as having a substance misuse problem
  - 2.9.10 Child received intervention for substance misuse problem
  - 2.9.11 Child offered intervention for substance misuse problem
  - 2.9.12 Strengths and difficulties questionnaire (SDQ) score
  - 2.9.13 Reason for not submitting SDQ score
- 2.10 OC3 (care leaver's information)
  - 2.10.1 Purpose of additional data items for children who have recently left care
  - 2.10.2 Young people for whom this information is required
  - 2.10.3 Local authority in touch
  - 2.10.4 Contact through a third party
  - 2.10.5 Main activity
  - 2.10.6 Accommodation
  - 2.10.7 Suitability