APPENDIX 1 – DATA AND ANALYSIS - STATISTICAL REVIEW

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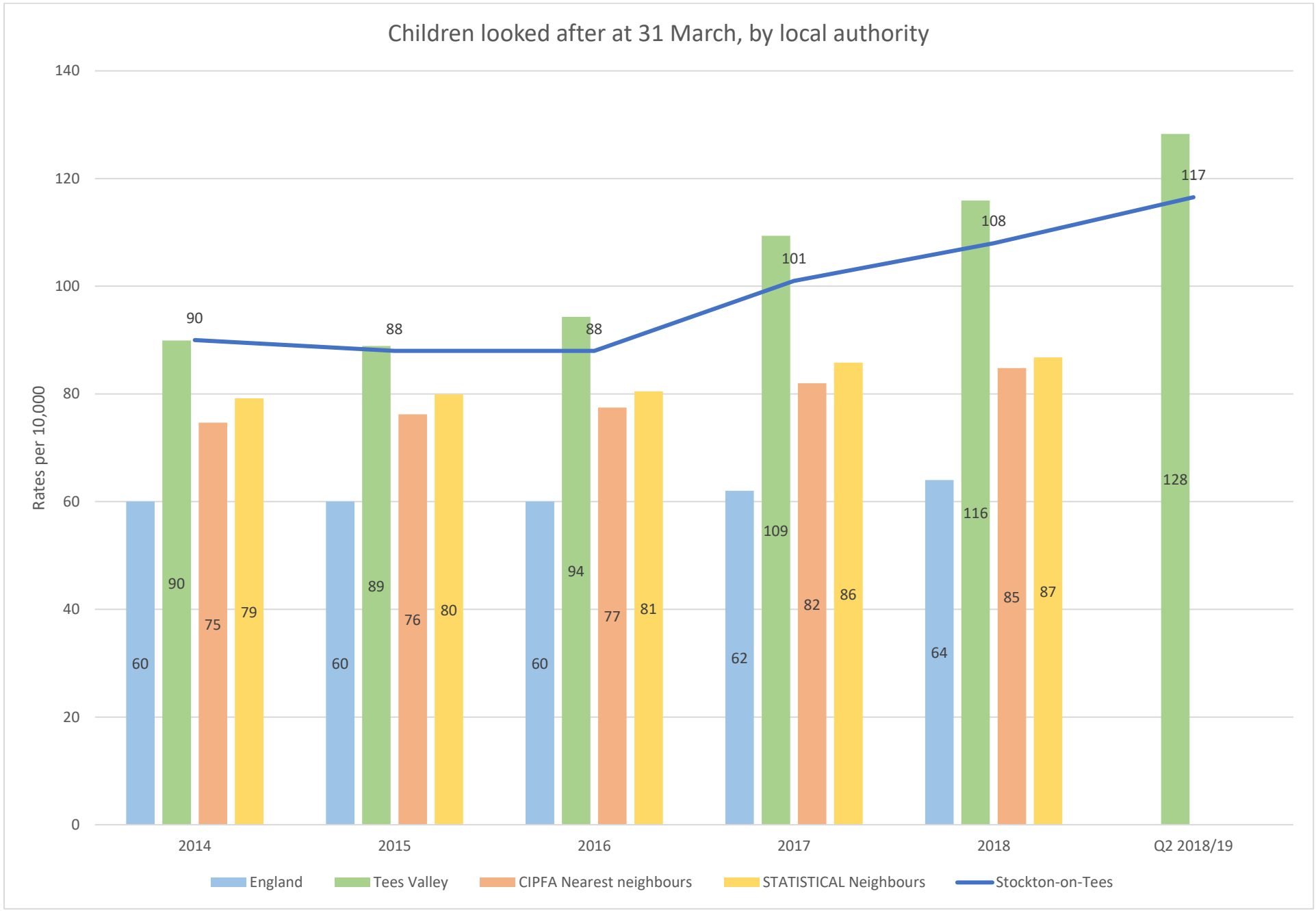
Comparisons are provided against North East local authorities, Tees Valley local authorities, CIPFA Nearest Neighbours and ONS Statistical Neighbours

North East Local Authorities (12)	CIPFA Nearest Neighbours (15)	ONS Statistical Neighbours (10)
Darlington BC	Barnsley BC	Bury BC
Durham CC	Bolton BC	Calderdale BC
Gateshead BC	Bury BC	Darlington BC
Hartlepool BC	Calderdale BC	Durham CC
Middlesbrough BC	Darlington BC	Lancashire CC
Newcastle upon Tyne CC	Derby CC	North Tyneside BC
North Tyneside BC	Doncaster BC	Sefton BC
Northumberland CC	Dudley BC	St Helens BC
Redcar and Cleveland BC	Medway	Wigan BC
South Tyneside BC	North Lincolnshire	Wirral BC
Stockton-on-Tees BC	Rotherham BC	
Sunderland CC	St Helens BC	
	Telford and Wrekin DC	
	Wakefield BC	
	Warrington BC	

Children looked after at 31 March, by local authority 2014 - 2018

	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		Q2 2018/19	
	Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000
1001 England	**68,810**	**60**	**69,470**	**60**	**70,400**	**60**	**72,590**	**62**	**75,420**	**64**		
1002 North East	**4,240**	**81**	**4,270**	**81**	**4,400**	**84**	**4,830**	**92**	**5,020**	**95**		
1003 Tees Valley	**1,298**	**90**	**1,283**	**89**	**1,364**	**94**	**1,587**	**109**	**1,689**	**116**	**1,581**	**128.3**
841 Darlington	189	83	200	88	205	90	219	97	214	95		
840 Durham	604	60	617	62	678	68	812	81	800	80		
390 Gateshead	356	89	337	84	343	86	380	95	393	99		
805 Hartlepool	201	100	165	83	206	104	255	128	278	139		
806 Middlesbrough	353	111	361	114	377	118	444	138	445	137		
391 Newcastle upon Tyne	555	100	503	89	499	88	534	94	566	98		
392 North Tyneside	305	75	302	75	291	72	296	73	282	69		
929 Northumberland	331	55	363	61	386	65	406	69	387	66		
807 Redcar and Cleveland	174	63	183	67	199	73	235	86	284	103		
393 South Tyneside	307	104	296	101	292	100	275	93	319	108		
808 Stockton-on-Tees	381	90	374	88	377	88	434	101	468	108	504	116.5
394 Sunderland	488	89	570	105	547	101	540	100	579	106		
MINIMUM	174	55	165	61	199	65	219	69	214	66		
MEDIAN	342	89	349	86	360	88	393	95	390	101		
MEAN	354	85	356	85	367	88	403	96	418	101		
MAXIMUM	604	111	617	114	678	118	812	138	800	139		
CIPFA Nearest neighbours												
MINIMUM	170	46	177	49	202	56	219	58	214	62		
MEDIAN	379	73	407	72	410	76	390	82	414	86		
MEAN	379	75	388	76	394	77	413	82	435	85		
MAXIMUM	755	119	741	113	726	113	675	117	660	121		
STATISTICAL Neighbours												
MINIMUM	189	60	200	62	205	65	219	66	214	64		
MEDIAN	417	74	432	75	437	72	437	82	461	80		
MEAN	531	79	536	80	546	81	593	86	612	87		
MAXIMUM	1,586	119	1,591	113	1,661	113	1,841	117	1,964	123		


Children looked after at 31 March, by local authority
Rates per 10,000
140
120
100
80
60
40
20
0
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
Q2 2018/19
60
90
75
79
90
60
89
76
80
88
60
94
77
81
88
62
109
82
86
101
64
116
85
87
108
128
117
England
Tees Valley
CIPFA Nearest neighbours
STATISTICAL Neighbours
Stockton-on-Tees

Children who started to be looked after during the year ending 31 March, by local authority 2014 - 2018

Source: SSDA 903

1. England and regional totals have been rounded to the nearest 10. See looked after children statistics guide for more information on rounding.
2. Only the first occasion on which a child started to be looked after in the year has been counted.
3. Figures exclude children looked after under an agreed series of short term placements.
4. Historical data may differ from older publications. This is mainly due to the implementation of amendments and corrections sent by some local authorities after the publication date of previous materials.

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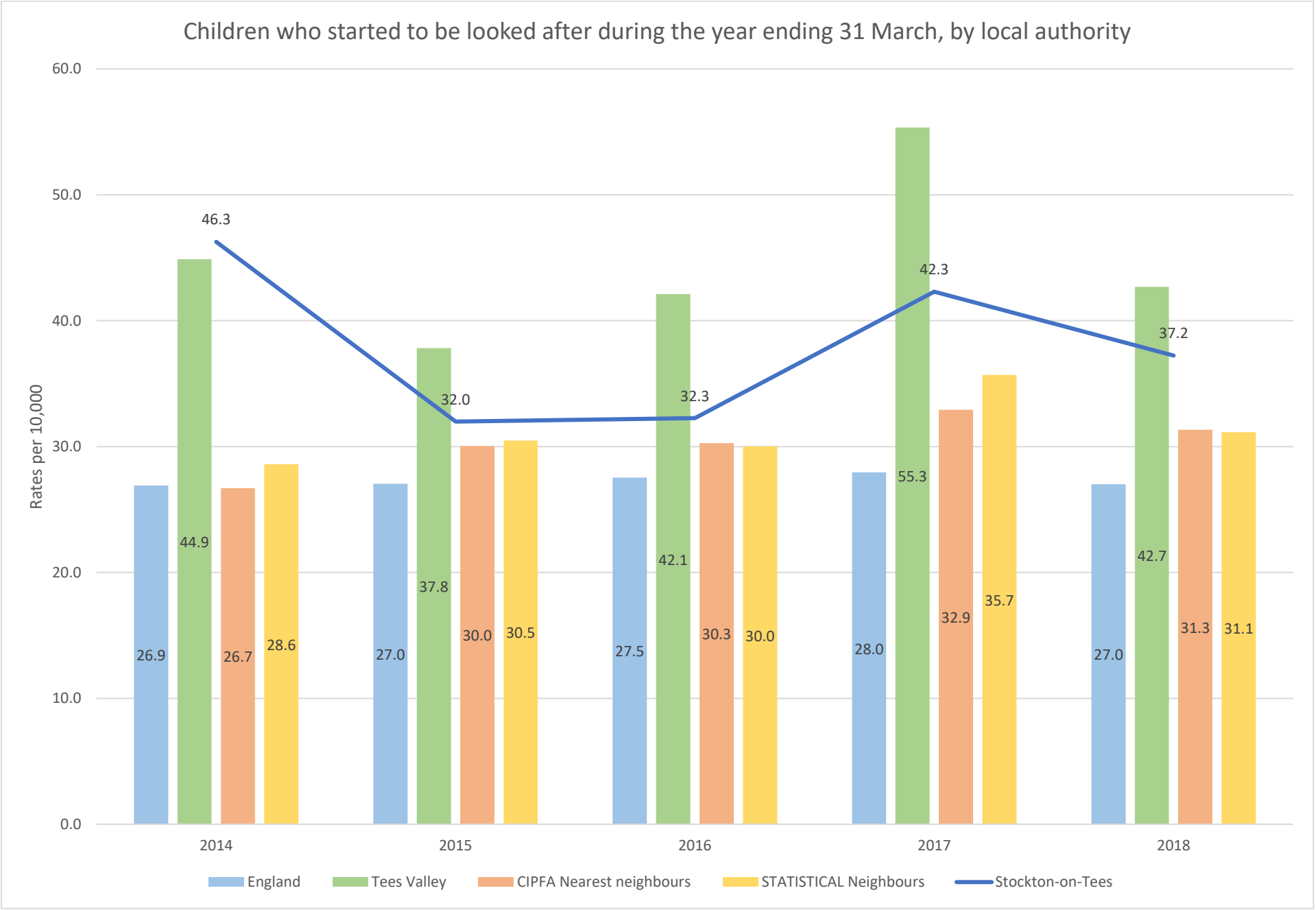
		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
		Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000
1001	**England**	**30,730**	**26.9**	**31,350**	**27.0**	**32,160**	**27.5**	**32,940**	**28.0**	**32,050**	**27.0**
1002	**North East**	**2,000**	**38.1**	**1,930**	**36.8**	**2,090**	**39.9**	**2,570**	**48.9**	**2,250**	**42.7**
1003	**Tees Valley**	**648**	**44.9**	**546**	**37.8**	**609**	**42.1**	**803**	**55.3**	**622**	**42.7**
841	**Darlington**	85	37.3	101	44.4	90	39.7	108	47.8	76	33.8
840	Durham	261	26.0	271	27.0	306	30.5	444	44.3	355	35.3
390	Gateshead	173	42.9	196	48.9	204	51.2	193	48.2	176	44.2
805	**Hartlepool**	98	48.3	52	26.1	106	53.5	136	68.0	100	49.9
806	**Middlesbrough**	196	62.0	178	56.0	181	56.7	254	78.9	162	50.0
391	Newcastle upon Tyne	226	41.5	199	35.4	241	42.7	294	51.7	291	50.6
392	North Tyneside	133	33.0	139	34.3	159	39.3	147	36.2	138	33.8
929	Northumberland	166	27.2	147	24.6	207	34.9	246	41.7	177	30.0
807	**Redcar and Cleveland**	74	26.9	79	28.9	94	34.3	123	45.0	123	44.7
393	South Tyneside	135	45.8	129	44.0	126	43.2	110	37.3	131	44.2
808	**Stockton-on-Tees**	195	46.3	136	32.0	138	32.3	182	42.3	161	37.2
394	Sunderland	262	47.9	305	56.0	241	44.4	333	61.4	357	65.6
	MINIMUM	74	26.0	52	24.6	90	30.5	108	36.2	76	30.0
	MEDIAN	170	42.2	143	34.9	170	41.2	188	46.4	162	44.2
	MEAN	**167**	**40.4**	**161**	**38.1**	**174**	**41.9**	**214**	**50.2**	**187**	**43.3**
	MAXIMUM	262	62.0	305	56.0	306	56.7	444	78.9	357	65.6
CIPFA Nearest neighbours											
	MINIMUM	71	15.6	68	19.3	85	18.6	106	22.8	75	16.2
	MEDIAN	128	26.8	159	29.6	162	28.6	158	33.1	141	29.8
	MEAN	**133**	**26.7**	**151**	**30.0**	**151**	**30.3**	**162**	**32.9**	**164**	**31.3**
	MAXIMUM	227	38.4	238	44.4	211	40.8	259	47.8	321	56.4
STATISTICAL Neighbours											
	MINIMUM	71	15.6	95	20.8	85	18.6	108	20.3	75	16.2
	MEDIAN	145	28.3	145	30.1	153	27.8	149	35.7	159	32.3
	MEAN	**197**	**28.6**	**202**	**30.5**	**205**	**30.0**	**247**	**35.7**	**229**	**31.1**
	MAXIMUM	659	38.4	605	44.4	654	40.8	722	51.4	764	40.8


Children who started to be looked after during the year ending 31 March, by local authority
Rates per 10,000
60.0
50.0
40.0
30.0
20.0
10.0
0.0
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
26.9
44.9
26.7
28.6
27.0
37.8
30.0
30.5
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42.1
30.3
30.0
28.0
55.3
32.9
35.7
27.0
42.7
31.3
31.1
46.3
32.0
32.3
42.3
37.2
England
Tees Valley
CIPFA Nearest neighbours
STATISTICAL Neighbours
Stockton-on-Tees

Children who ceased to be looked after during the years ending 31 March, by Local Authority 2014 - 2018

Source: SSDA 903

1. England and regional totals have been rounded to the nearest 10. See looked after children statistics guide for more information on rounding.
2. Only the last occasion on which a child ceased to be looked after in the year has been counted.
3. Figures exclude children looked after under an agreed series of short term placements.
4. Historical data may differ from older publications. This is mainly due to the implementation of amendments and corrections sent by some local authorities after the publication date of previous materials.

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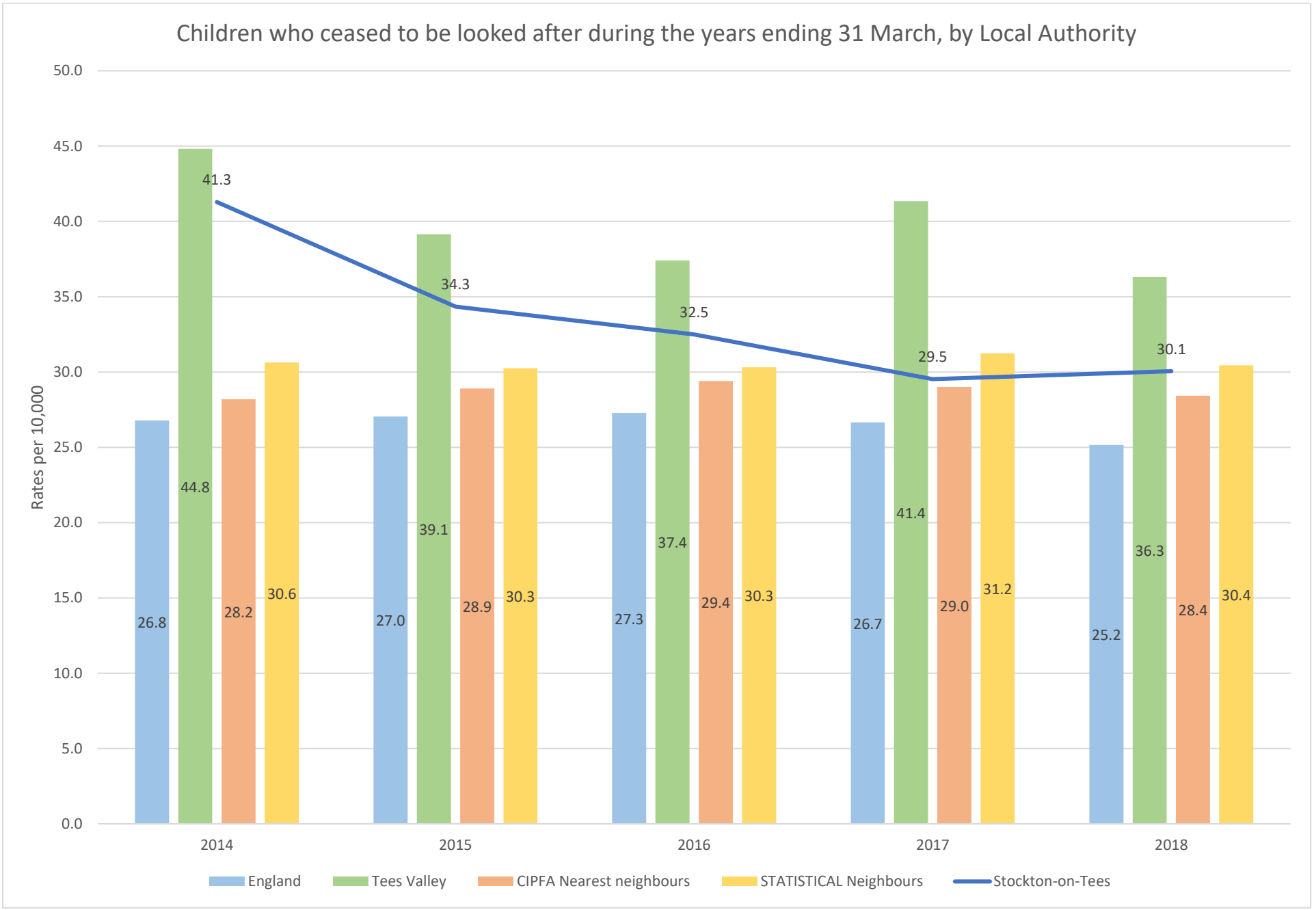
		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
		Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000	Number	Rate per 10,000
1001	**England**	**30,600**	**26.8**	**31,350**	**27.0**	**31,850**	**27.3**	**31,410**	**26.7**	**29,860**	**25.2**
1002	**North East**	**2,010**	**38.3**	**1,940**	**37.0**	**2,010**	**38.3**	**2,180**	**41.5**	**2,110**	**40.0**
1003	**Tees Valley**	**647**	**44.8**	**565**	**39.1**	**541**	**37.4**	**600**	**41.4**	**529**	**36.3**
841	**Darlington**	**105**	**46.1**	**89**	**39.1**	**86**	**37.9**	**100**	**44.3**	**82**	**36.5**
840	Durham	**288**	**28.7**	**261**	**26.0**	**252**	**25.1**	**312**	**31.1**	**375**	**37.3**
390	Gateshead	**208**	**51.6**	**220**	**54.9**	**210**	**52.7**	**161**	**40.2**	**170**	**42.7**
805	**Hartlepool**	**87**	**42.9**	**87**	**43.6**	**66**	**33.3**	**88**	**44.0**	**79**	**39.4**
806	**Middlesbrough**	**206**	**65.1**	**169**	**53.2**	**166**	**52.0**	**194**	**60.3**	**163**	**50.3**
391	Newcastle upon Tyne	**220**	**40.3**	**256**	**45.5**	**248**	**43.9**	**262**	**46.0**	**265**	**46.1**
392	North Tyneside	**126**	**31.2**	**148**	**36.6**	**176**	**43.6**	**147**	**36.2**	**161**	**39.4**
929	Northumberland	**154**	**25.2**	**115**	**19.2**	**185**	**31.2**	**228**	**38.6**	**198**	**33.6**
807	**Redcar and Cleveland**	**75**	**27.3**	**74**	**27.1**	**84**	**30.7**	**91**	**33.3**	**75**	**27.3**
393	South Tyneside	**148**	**50.2**	**144**	**49.1**	**130**	**44.5**	**127**	**43.1**	**89**	**30.1**
808	**Stockton-on-Tees**	**174**	**41.3**	**146**	**34.3**	**139**	**32.5**	**127**	**29.5**	**130**	**30.1**
394	Sunderland	**216**	**39.5**	**227**	**41.7**	**270**	**49.7**	**344**	**63.4**	**322**	**59.1**
	MINIMUM	75	25.2	74	19.2	66	25.1	88	29.5	75	27.3
	MEDIAN	164	40.8	147	40.4	171	40.7	154	41.6	162	38.3
	MEAN	**167**	**40.8**	**161**	**39.2**	**168**	**39.8**	**182**	**42.5**	**176**	**39.3**
	MAXIMUM	288	65.1	261	54.9	270	52.7	344	63.4	375	59.1
CIPFA Nearest neighbours											
	MINIMUM	82	18.9	63	17.9	70	19.8	83	19.7	82	20.8
	MEDIAN	130	25.8	147	28.9	155	27.9	127	28.4	147	27.5
	MEAN	**138**	**28.2**	**145**	**28.9**	**148**	**29.4**	**146**	**29.0**	**145**	**28.4**
	MAXIMUM	232	46.1	205	39.1	211	42.7	212	44.3	225	37.7
STATISTICAL Neighbours											
	MINIMUM	87	19.1	89	21.0	86	23.6	100	21.7	82	20.8
	MEDIAN	154	30.1	148	31.2	166	25.9	161	32.1	155	30.8
	MEAN	**198**	**30.6**	**200**	**30.3**	**199**	**30.3**	**205**	**31.2**	**213**	**30.4**
	MAXIMUM	553	46.1	606	39.1	598	43.6	551	44.3	648	39.4


Children who ceased to be looked after during the years ending 31 March, by Local Authority
Rates per 10,000
50.0
45.0
40.0
35.0
30.0
25.0
20.0
15.0
10.0
5.0
0.0
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
26.8
44.8
28.2
30.6
27.0
39.1
28.9
30.3
27.3
37.4
29.4
30.3
26.7
41.4
29.0
31.2
25.2
36.3
28.4
30.4
41.3
34.3
32.5
29.5
30.1
England
Tees Valley
CIPFA Nearest neighbours
STATISTICAL Neighbours
Stockton-on-Tees

Children who ceased to be looked after and the number and percentage adopted during the year ending 31 March, by local authority 2014 - 2018

Source: SSDA 903

1. England and regional totals have been rounded to the nearest 10. Other numbers have been rounded to the nearest 5. Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number. See looked after children statistics guide for more information on rounding.
2. Historical data may differ from older publications. This is mainly due to the implementation of amendments and corrections sent by some local authorities after the publication date of previous materials.
3. For some local authorities, such as Kent, the figures may be impacted by significant numbers of unaccompanied asylum seeking children.
4. Only the last occasion on which a child ceased to be looked after in the year has been counted.
5. Percentages based on the number of children that ceased to be looked after during the year.

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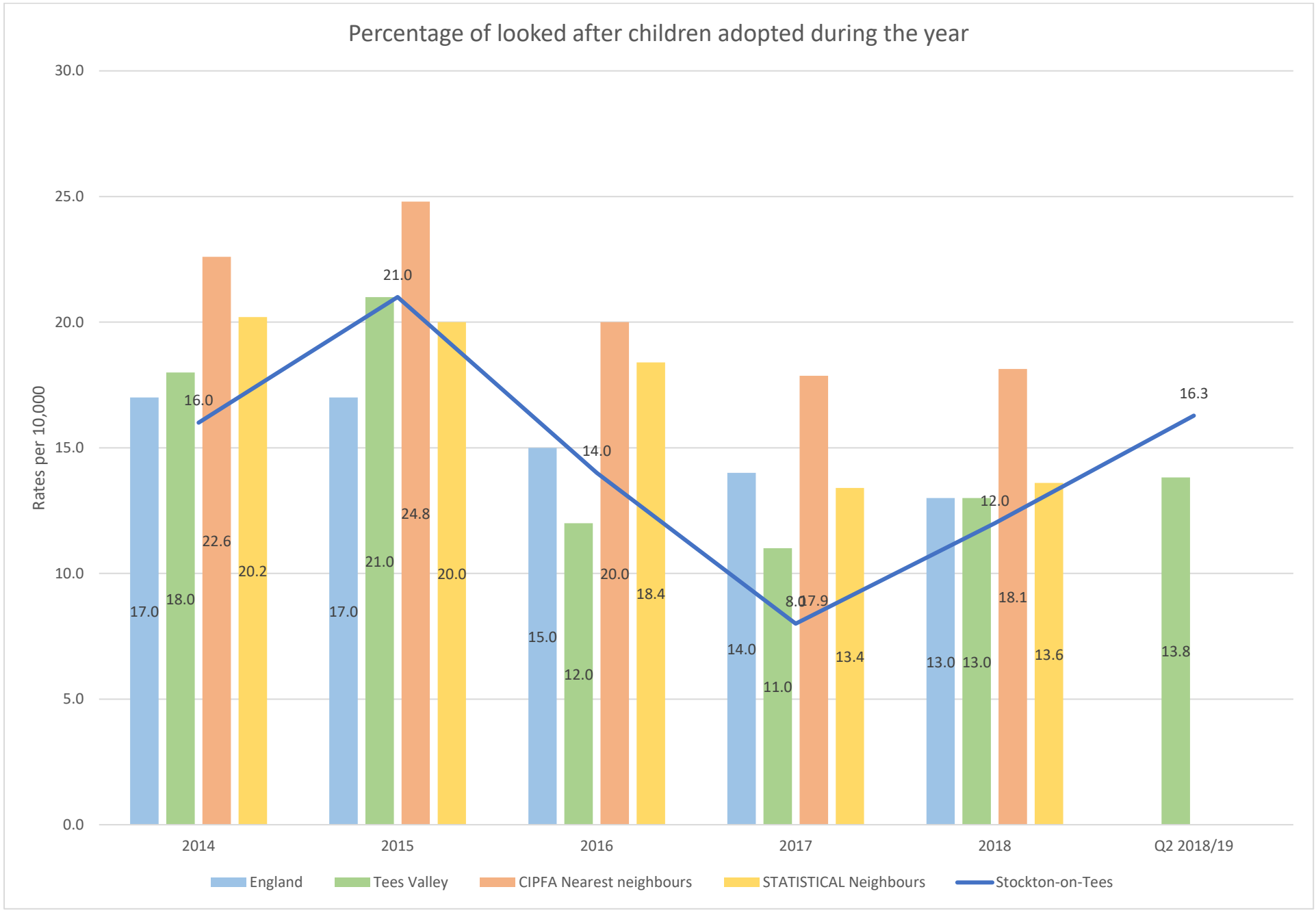
	2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			Q2 2018/19		
	Number of children who ceased to be looked after during the year[4]	Number of looked after children adopted during the year	Percentage of looked after children adopted during the year	Number of children who ceased to be looked after during the year[4]	Number of looked after children adopted during the year	Percentage of looked after children adopted during the year	Number of children who ceased to be looked after during the year[4]	Number of looked after children adopted during the year	Percentage of looked after children adopted during the year	Number of children who ceased to be looked after during the year[4]	Number of looked after children adopted during the year	Percentage of looked after children adopted during the year	Number of children who ceased to be looked after during the year[4]	Number of looked after children adopted during the year	Percentage of looked after children adopted during the year	Number of children who ceased to be looked after during the year[4]	Number of looked after children adopted during the year	Percentage of looked after children adopted during the year
1001 England	30,600	5,050	17.0	31,350	5,360	17.0	31,850	4,710	15.0	31,410	4,370	14.0	29,860	3,820	13.0			
1002 North East	2,010	390	20.0	1,940	380	19.0	2,010	270	13.0	2,180	300	14.0	2,110	300	14.0			
1003 Tees Valley	647	108	18.0	565	119	21.0	541	63	12.0	600	66	11.0	529	70	13.0	340	47	13.8
841 Darlington	105	21	20.0	89	23	26.0	86	10	12.0	100	13	13.0	82	16	20.0			
840 Durham	288	73	25.0	261	45	17.0	252	28	11.0	312	53	17.0	375	53	14.0			
390 Gateshead	208	33	16.0	220	34	15.0	210	26	12.0	161	23	14.0	170	25	15.0			
805 Hartlepool	87	16	18.0	87	14	16.0	66	10	15.0	88	13	15.0	79	7	9.0			
806 Middlesbrough	206	22	11.0	169	31	18.0	166	16	10.0	194	24	12.0	163	22	13.0			
391 Newcastle upon Tyne	220	59	27.0	256	50	20.0	248	29	12.0	262	32	12.0	265	42	16.0			
392 North Tyneside	126	25	20.0	148	23	16.0	176	25	14.0	147	15	10.0	161	20	12.0			
929 Northumberland	154	22	14.0	115	26	23.0	185	38	21.0	228	34	15.0	198	29	15.0			
807 Redcar and Cleveland	75	21	28.0	74	20	27.0	84	8	10.0	91	6	7.0	75	10	13.0			
393 South Tyneside	148	37	25.0	144	31	22.0	130	19	15.0	127	33	26.0	89	17	19.0			
808 Stockton-on-Tees	174	28	16.0	146	31	21.0	139	19	14.0	127	10	8.0	130	15	12.0	43	7	16.3
394 Sunderland	216	37	17.0	227	48	21.0	270	37	14.0	344	47	14.0	322	47	15.0			
MINIMUM	75	16	11.0	74	14	15.0	66	8.0	10.0	88	6.0	7.0	75	7.0	9.0			
MEDIAN	164	27	19.0	147	31	20.5	171	22.0	13.0	154	23.5	13.5	162	21.0	14.5			
MEAN	167	33	19.8	161	31	20.2	168	22.1	13.3	182	25.3	13.6	176	25.3	14.4			
MAXIMUM	288	73	28.0	261	50	27.0	270	38.0	21.0	344	53.0	26.0	375	53.0	20.0			
CIPFA Nearest neighbours																		
MINIMUM	82	17	12.0	63	16	16.0	70	9	11.0	83	8	7.0	82	10	8.0			
MEDIAN	130	24	24.0	147	37	25.0	155	33	18.0	127	25	18.0	147	26	19.0			
MEAN	138	31	22.6	145	36	24.8	148	30	20.0	146	27	17.9	145	25	18.1			
MAXIMUM	232	59	35.0	205	55	32.0	211	50	32.0	212	47	28.0	225	36	32.0			
STATISTICAL Neighbours																		
MINIMUM	87	18	12.0	89	20	11.0	86	10	8.0	100	8	6.0	82	10	8.0			
MEDIAN	154	31	20.0	148	26	20.0	166	30	16.5	161	18	13.0	155	20	12.5			
MEAN	198	38	20.2	200	38	20.0	199	37	18.4	205	27	13.4	213	29	13.6			
MAXIMUM	553	83	26.0	606	121	34.0	598	118	32.0	551	73	24.0	648	87	22.0			


Percentage of looked after children adopted during the year
Rates per 10,000
30.0
25.0
20.0
15.0
10.0
5.0
0.0
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
Q2 2018/19
17.0
18.0
22.6
20.2
16.0
17.0
21.0
24.8
20.0
21.0
15.0
12.0
20.0
18.4
14.0
11.0
17.9
13.4
8.0
13.0
13.0
18.1
13.6
12.0
13.8
16.3
England
Tees Valley
CIPFA Nearest neighbours
STATISTICAL Neighbours
Stockton-on-Tees

Care leavers now aged 19, 20 and 21 by activity, by local authority 2018

Source: SSDA 903

1. England and regional totals have been rounded to the nearest 10. Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number. See looked after children statistics guide for more information on rounding.

2. Figures exclude children who were looked after under an agreed series of short-term placements, those who have died since leaving care, and those who have returned home to parents or someone with parental responsibility for a continuous period of at least 6 months and those whose care was transferred to another local authority. (*For more information see the looked after children statistics guide*.)

3. For some local authorities, such as Kent, the figures may be impacted by significant numbers of unaccompanied asylum seeking children.

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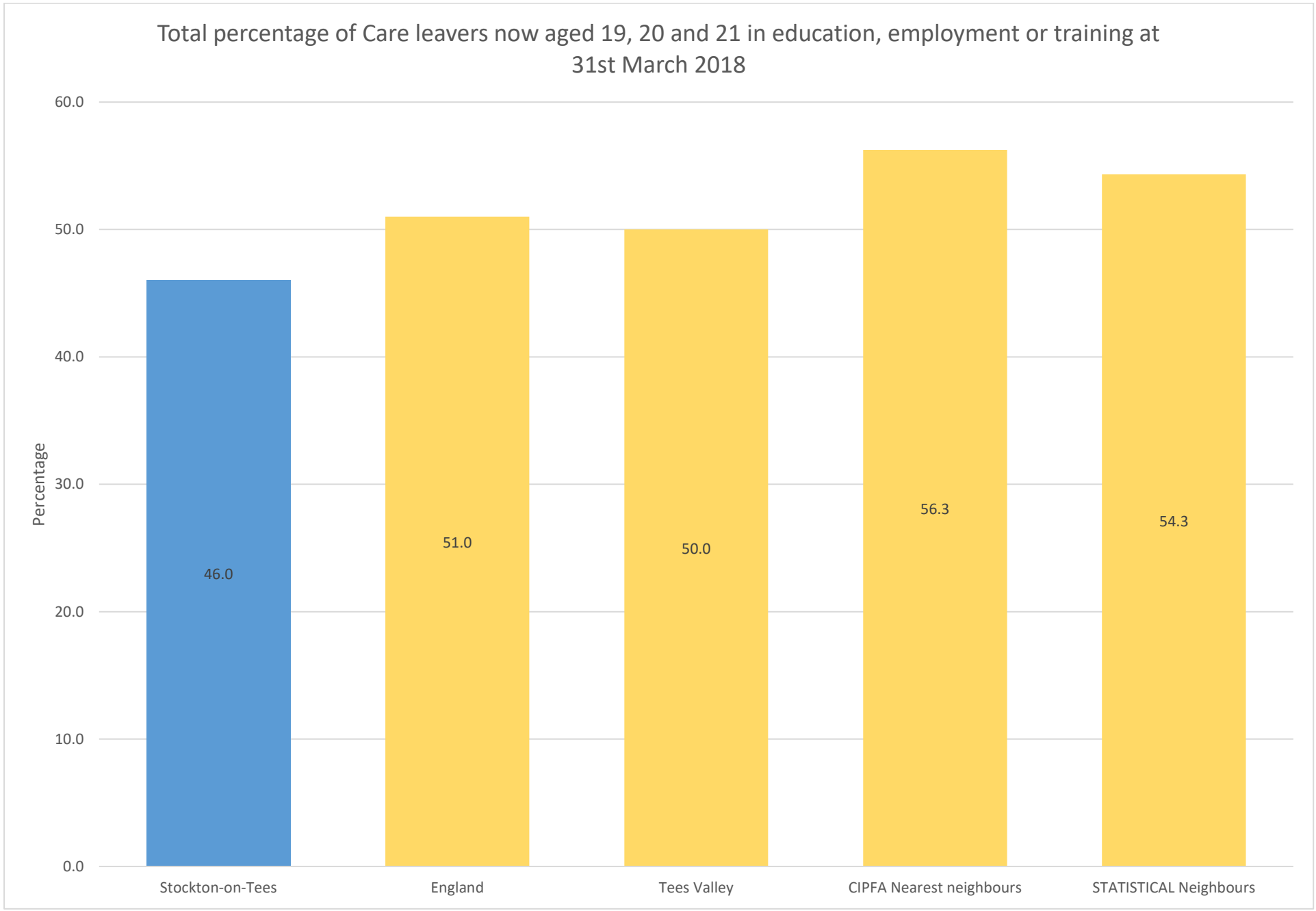
. Not applicable

		2018		
		Number of children who ceased to be looked after during the year[1]	Total number in education, employment or training	Total percentage in education, employment or training
1001	England	28,510	14,640	51.0
1002	North East	1,340	700	52.0
1003	Tees Valley	416	208	50.0
841	Darlington	67	46	69.0
840	Durham	160	95	59.0
390	Gateshead	118	55	47.0
805	Hartlepool	63	31	49.0
806	Middlesbrough	121	44	36.0
391	Newcastle upon Tyne	217	101	47.0
392	North Tyneside	100	58	58.0
929	Northumberland	93	54	58.0
807	Redcar and Cleveland	51	34	67.0
393	South Tyneside	83	44	53.0
808	Stockton-on-Tees	114	53	46.0
394	Sunderland	151	82	54.0
	MINIMUM	51	31	36.0
	MEDIAN	107	54	53.5
	MEAN	112	58	53.6
	MAXIMUM	217	101	69.0
CIPFA Nearest neighbours				
	MINIMUM	57	31	49.0
	MEDIAN	110	54	53.0
	MEAN	110	62	56.3
	MAXIMUM	187	107	73.0
STATISTICAL Neighbours				
	MINIMUM	67	37	43.0
	MEDIAN	114	63	54.0
	MEAN	147	79	54.3
	MAXIMUM	442	188	69.0


Total percentage of Care leavers now aged 19, 20 and 21 in education, employment or training at 31st March 2018
Percentage
60.0
50.0
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20.0
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0.0
46.0
51.0
50.0
56.3
54.3
Stockton-on-Tees
England
Tees Valley
CIPFA Nearest neighbours
STATISTICAL Neighbours

Care leavers aged 17 and 18 by activity, by local authority 2018

Source: SSDA 903

1. England and regional totals have been rounded to the nearest 10. Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number. See looked after children statistics guide for more information on rounding.
2. Figures exclude children who were looked after under an agreed series of short-term placements, those who have died since leaving care, and those who have returned home to parents or someone with parental responsibility for a continuous period of at least 6 months and those whose care was transferred to another local authority. (*For more information see the looked after children statistics guide.*)
3. For some local authorities, such as Kent, the figures may be impacted by significant numbers of unaccompanied asylum seeking children.
4. This data was collected for the first time in 2016 when some local authorities had noted difficulties in accurately recording data in this first year. This data continues to be published as experimental statistics and should be treated with caution.

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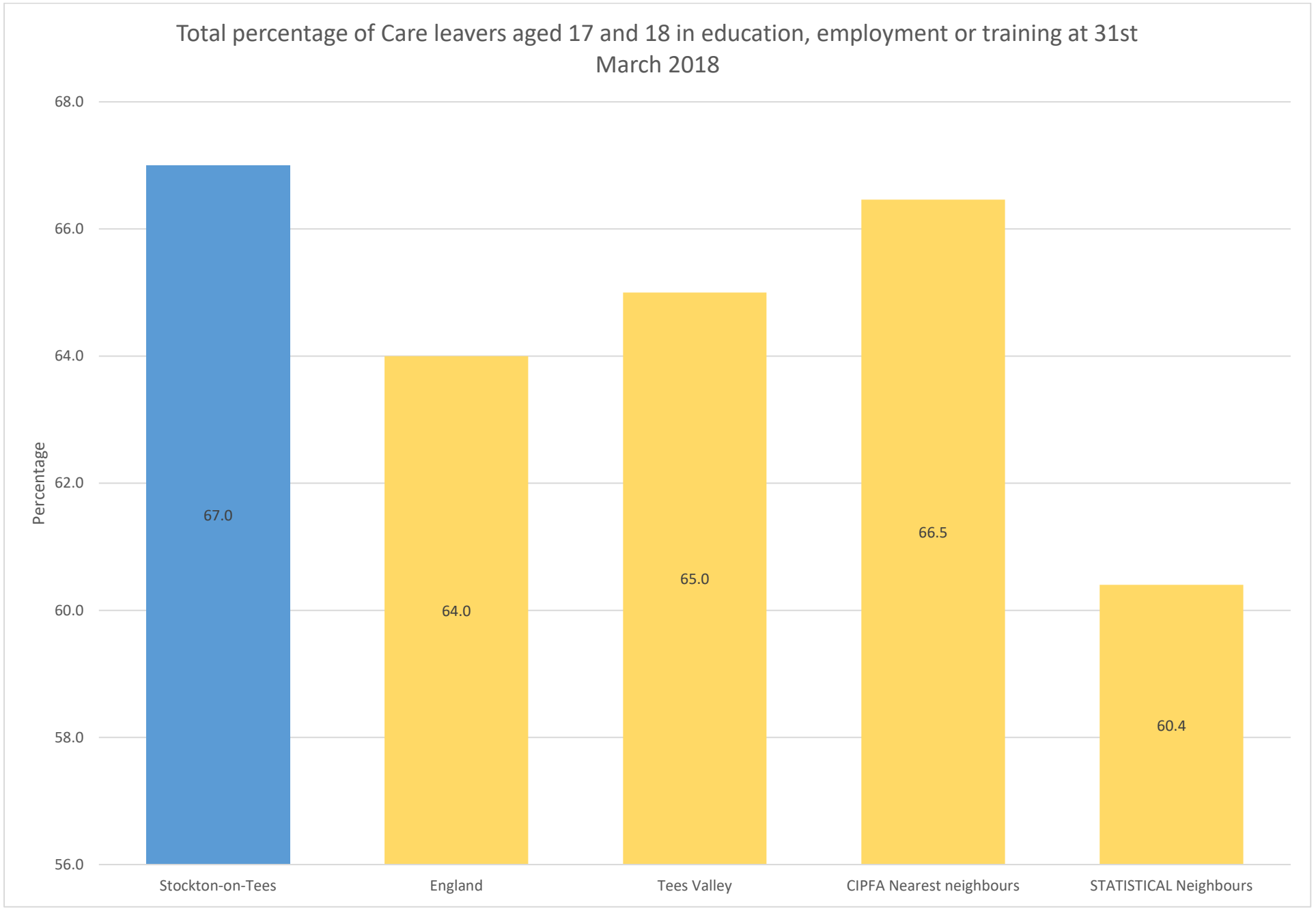
. Not applicable

		2018		
		Number of children	Total number in	Total percentage
1001	**England**	**11,080**	**7,110**	**64.0**
1002	**North East**	**520**	**340**	**66.0**
1003	**Tees Valley**	**161**	**104**	**65.0**
841	**Darlington**	**20**	**12**	**60.0**
840	Durham	**62**	**51**	**82.0**
390	Gateshead	**54**	**38**	**70.0**
805	**Hartlepool**	**31**	**20**	**65.0**
806	**Middlesbrough**	**44**	**28**	**64.0**
391	Newcastle upon Tyne	**63**	**31**	**49.0**
392	North Tyneside	**35**	**21**	**60.0**
929	Northumberland	**57**	**35**	**61.0**
807	**Redcar and Cleveland**	**24**	**16**	**67.0**
393	South Tyneside	**32**	**23**	**72.0**
808	**Stockton-on-Tees**	**42**	**28**	**67.0**
394	Sunderland	**57**	**39**	**68.0**
	MINIMUM	20	12	49.0
	MEDIAN	43	28	66.0
	MEAN	**43**	**29**	**65.4**
	MAXIMUM	63	51	82.0
CIPFA Nearest neighbours				
	MINIMUM	20	12	56.0
	MEDIAN	44	29	66.0
	MEAN	**45**	**33**	**66.5**
	MAXIMUM	80	55	78.0
STATISTICAL Neighbours				
	MINIMUM	20	12	51.0
	MEDIAN	44	26	59.0
	MEAN	**61**	**35**	**60.4**
	MAXIMUM	209	106	82.0


Total percentage of Care leavers aged 17 and 18 in education, employment or training at 31st March 2018
Percentage
68.0
66.0
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67.0
64.0
65.0
66.5
60.4
Stockton-on-Tees
England
Tees Valley
CIPFA Nearest neighbours
STATISTICAL Neighbours

Children looked after who were missing or away from placement without authorisation, by local authority 2018

Source: SSDA903

1. Missing is defined as a looked after child who is not at their placement or a place they are expected to be (e.g. school) and their whereabouts is not known.
2. Away from placement without authorisation is defined as a looked after child whose whereabouts is known but who is not at their placement or place they are expected to be and the carer has concerns or the incident has been notified to the local authority or the police.
3. In 2017 and 2018, some local authorities informed the department that they do not record incidents as 'away without authorisation' but instead report all incidents as 'missing' to maintain consistency with local police reporting. We estimate this could mean an overestimate of missing incidents of up to 3% in 2017 and up to 8% in 2018; and an undercount of away without authorisation incidents of up to 6% in 2017 and up to 18% in 2018. These estimates vary by region. However, some of these local authorities submitted 'away without authorisation' information and this has been included in the table. See the looked after children statistics guide for more information.
4. England and regional totals have been rounded to the nearest 10. Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number. Averages have been rounded to one decimal place. See looked after children statistics guide for more information on rounding.
5. For some local authorities, such as Kent, the figures may be impacted by significant numbers of unaccompanied asylum seeking children.
6. This is the fourth year these statistics have been collected in this way, and local authorities have reported some variation over recent years in how these incidents are recorded. We will continue to assess whether the figures are considered robust enough to be classed as national statistics, rather than experimental.
7. Includes children who were missing or away from placement at 1 April 2017, therefore carried over from previous years.
8. The average number of missing or away from placement incidents for each looked after child with at least one incident during the year.
9. Children who had more than one missing or away from placement incident which started during the year ending 31 March 2018.
10. Leicester were unable to provide missing data for 2018. No attempt has been made here to estimate their data.

Users should exercise caution when summing the number of missing periods and away from placement without authorisation periods together. This is because a missing period could end one day when the child's whereabouts is discovered, but an away from placement without authorisation period may follow straight after if it is the case that the child did not return to their placement, but their whereabouts was known. This would be one continuous period away from their placement for the child, not two separate incidents.

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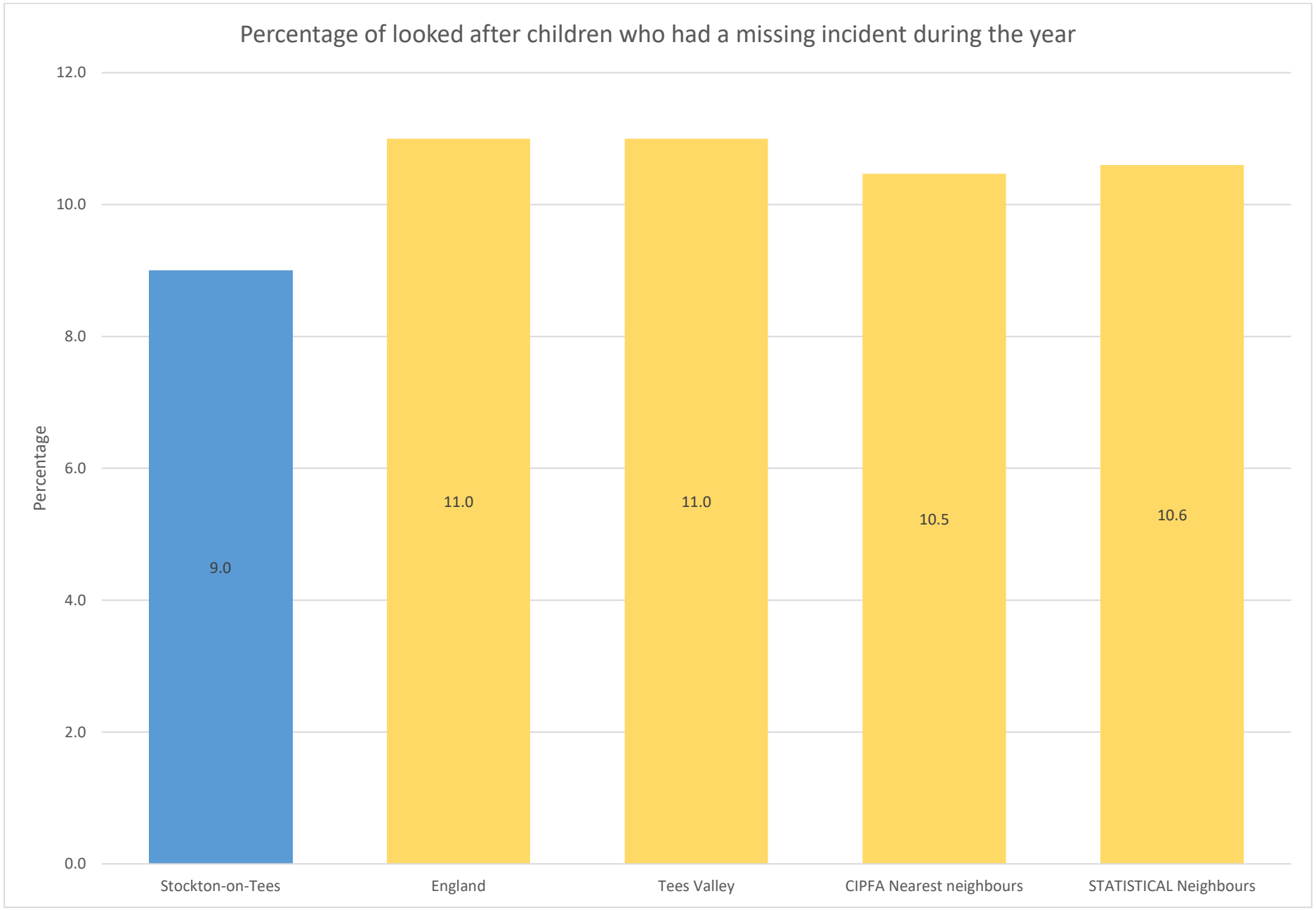
		2018			
		Children looked after during the year	Children who had a missing incident during the year	**Percentage of looked after children who had a missing incident during the year**	**Average number of missing incidents per looked after child who went missing**
1001	**England**	**104,100**	**11,530**	**11.0**	**6.1**
1002	**North East**	**7,020**	**610**	**9.0**	**6.6**
1003	**Tees Valley**	**2,199**	**232**	**11.0**	**7.6**
841	**Darlington**	**294**	**35**	**12.0**	**8.8**
840	Durham	**1,157**	**29**	**3.0**	**3.6**
390	Gateshead	**552**	**48**	**9.0**	**6.7**
805	**Hartlepool**	**354**	**41**	**12.0**	**6.0**
806	**Middlesbrough**	**603**	**62**	**10.0**	**9.6**
391	Newcastle upon Tyne	**817**	**104**	**13.0**	**7.3**
392	North Tyneside	**426**	**59**	**14.0**	**7.3**
929	Northumberland	**577**	**45**	**8.0**	**4.4**
807	**Redcar and Cleveland**	**355**	**43**	**12.0**	**4.2**
393	South Tyneside	**405**	**35**	**9.0**	**5.0**
808	**Stockton-on-Tees**	**593**	**51**	**9.0**	**8.5**
394	Sunderland	**888**	**60**	**7.0**	**5.2**
	MINIMUM	294	29	3.0	3.6
	MEDIAN	565	47	9.5	6.4
	MEAN	585	51	9.8	6.4
	MAXIMUM	1,157	104	14.0	9.6
CIPFA Nearest neighbours					
	MINIMUM	294	25	6.0	2.8
	MEDIAN	538	54	10.0	6.5
	MEAN	575	59	10.5	6.4
	MAXIMUM	843	105	15.0	8.9
STATISTICAL Neighbours					
	MINIMUM	294	25	3.0	3.6
	MEDIAN	582	66	11.5	6.2
	MEAN	818	79	10.6	6.0
	MAXIMUM	2,598	246	15.0	8.8


Percentage of looked after children who had a missing incident during the year
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Percentage
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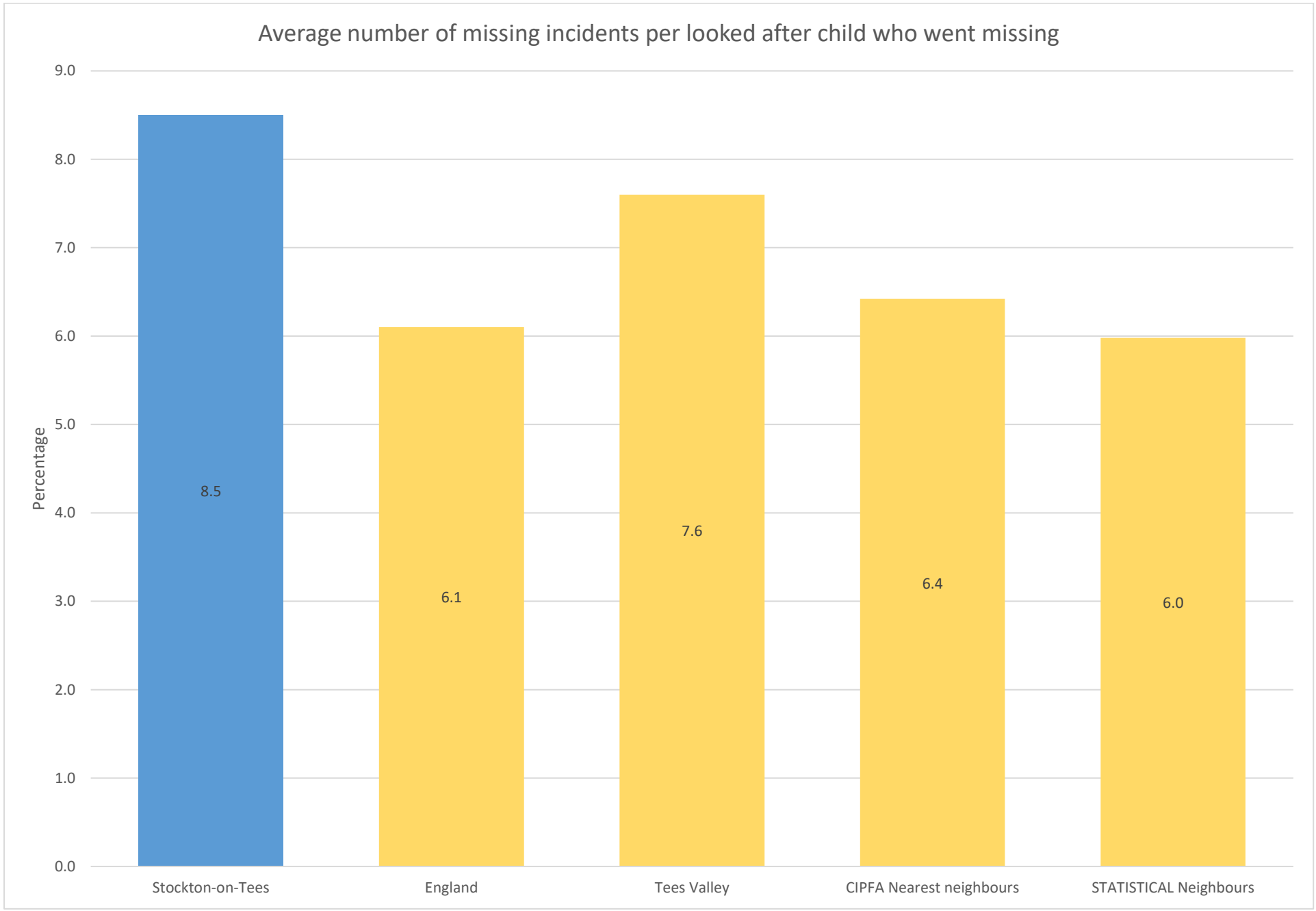
Average number of missing incidents per looked after child who went missing
Percentage
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