Number of children in England 0-17 (ONS Population estimates 2016): 11.8m

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#### 580k

# CHILDREN SUPPORTED OR ACCOMMODATED BY THE STATE

394,400 children in need

236,805 children who have special educational needs and/or disability (SEND) with an Education, Health and Care plan

31,193 children involved with the criminal justice system

**920** children in the secure estate or in Secure Children's Home (SCHs)

**4,690** children adopted during 2016 (inflow)

**16,569** young people who ceased to be looked after aged 16-18

**7,323** children involved in Special Guardianship Orders (SGO) during 2016 (England/Wales, inflow)

1,204 children who have been reported as potential victims of modern slavery during 2016 (inflow)

**9,095** children with severe and/or complex mental health problems requiring Tier 4 services

#### 370k

# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHOSE ACTIONS PUT THEIR FUTURES AT RISK

**121,000** young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) aged 16-18 years old

**36,000** teenage mothers aged 19 and under living with their children in 2016

**159,860** excluded pupils (including fixed period and permanently exclusions)

46,053 children aged 10-18 who are members of a gang

56,685 children reported missing in FY 2015

### 2.3m

## CHILDREN WITH HEALTH-RELATED VULNERABILITIES

**1,478,487** children aged 0-17 with a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity

**805,950** children who have mental health disorders aged 5-17

991,980 children who have special educational need and/or disability (SEND) (Not on an EHC plan)

#### 670k

### CHILDREN WITH FAMILY-RELATED VULNERABILITIES

11,624 children whose parents use substances problematically (children aged 0 to 15 with parents in drug treatment)

**15,499** children whose parents use substances problematically (children aged 0 to 15 with parents in alcohol treatment)

118,960 children who are homeless or who are in temporary accommodation (children households in temporary accommodation)

407,924 children in the 'troubled families' programme

**171,024** young unpaid carers 5 to 17 years old

#### Groups we need to know more about

There are many different groups of vulnerable children who are not included here and for which we need to know more. Some of these are:

- Children in mental health detention
- Children who are homeless or who are in insecure/unstable housing, other than temporary accommodation
- Children who have been assessed by a social worker twice in 12 months and they are considered 'in-need' (pre-section 17)
- Undocumented children and children without legal identity/ regular immigration status
- Children whose parents use substances problematically and are not in treatment
- Children whose parents have limited parenting capacity
- Children who have experienced trauma and abuse but not reported to social care services
- Children who have been victims of modern slavery but not reported to National Referral Mechanism
- Absent children



A detailed description of sources and methodology can be found in the background technical documents published on the Children's Commissioner for England website: http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk • The headline numbers for each of the four types of vulnerability were estimated by Alma Economics and they should be treated as preliminary and approximate. Numbers for the underlying, lower-level groups of children do not add up to the headline number for each vulnerability type as several children belong in more than one group • Numbers for each of the lower-level groups under each vulnerability type were obtained from official statistics where possible, or other credible sources where official statistics were not available. The latest available numbers were used • Please note that the headline numbers relating to the four vulnerability types should not be added to arrive at a total for all vulnerable children in England, as there are likely to be many children with more than one type of vulnerability.