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Introduction

The Department has developed the Local Authority Interactive Tool (LAIT) to provide easy access to a wide range of data related to children and young people sourced from various departments across government. It acts as a single central evidence base that helps support the Accountability Framework and Transparency Agenda.

The Tool provides the functionality to 'benchmark' an authority nationally and against either its Region or Statistical Neighbours. The data items are presented largely in the form of tables and charts, which can be varied and 'exported' from the system for use elsewhere.

System Settings

The LAIT has been designed to work in Microsoft Office and is authored in Excel Office 365. If you experience viewing or visual basic issues, please ask your technical team to upgrade your version of Excel.

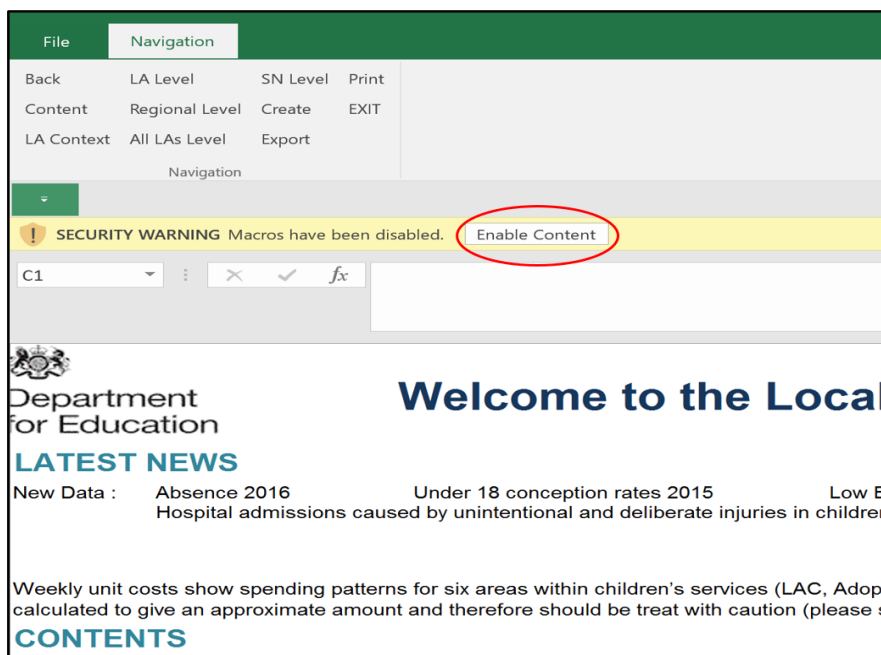
Opening the Interactive Tool

Before opening the Interactive Tool, it is essential to close all other Excel documents as there is a small chance that other open documents will become password protected with an unknown password.

Also – it is essential that you download the tool from the website (rather than running it from the browser window) for the functionality to work (right click > save target as...).

On opening the Interactive Tool the following dialogue box may appear (figure 3):

Figure 1: Enable Content dialogue box



Please click the “Enable Content” button.

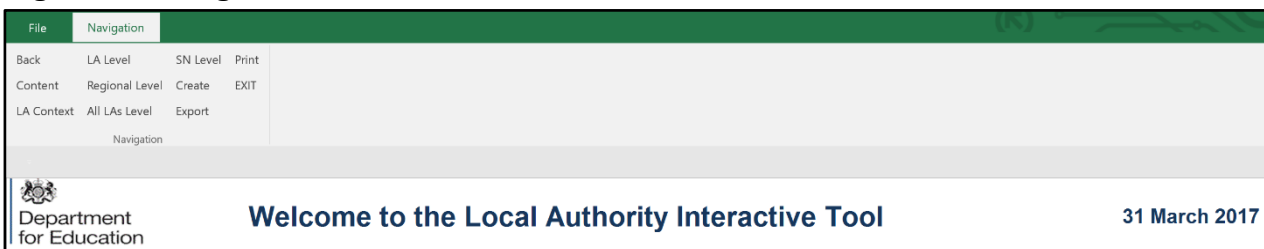
If macros are disabled the functionality of the Tool is impaired and navigation links to more detailed levels of data will not operate. The workbook should always be opened as read-only. Any changes made to the workbook will not be saved.

Please Note: due to the Excel workbook file size, opening the workbook may take a few moments. These opening times will vary depending on the specification of the machine being used, network connections or local area broadband speed.

Navigation

The customised menu bar that launches with the Tool (figure 2) allows for quick navigation using the indicated menu items.

Figure 2: Navigation Menu

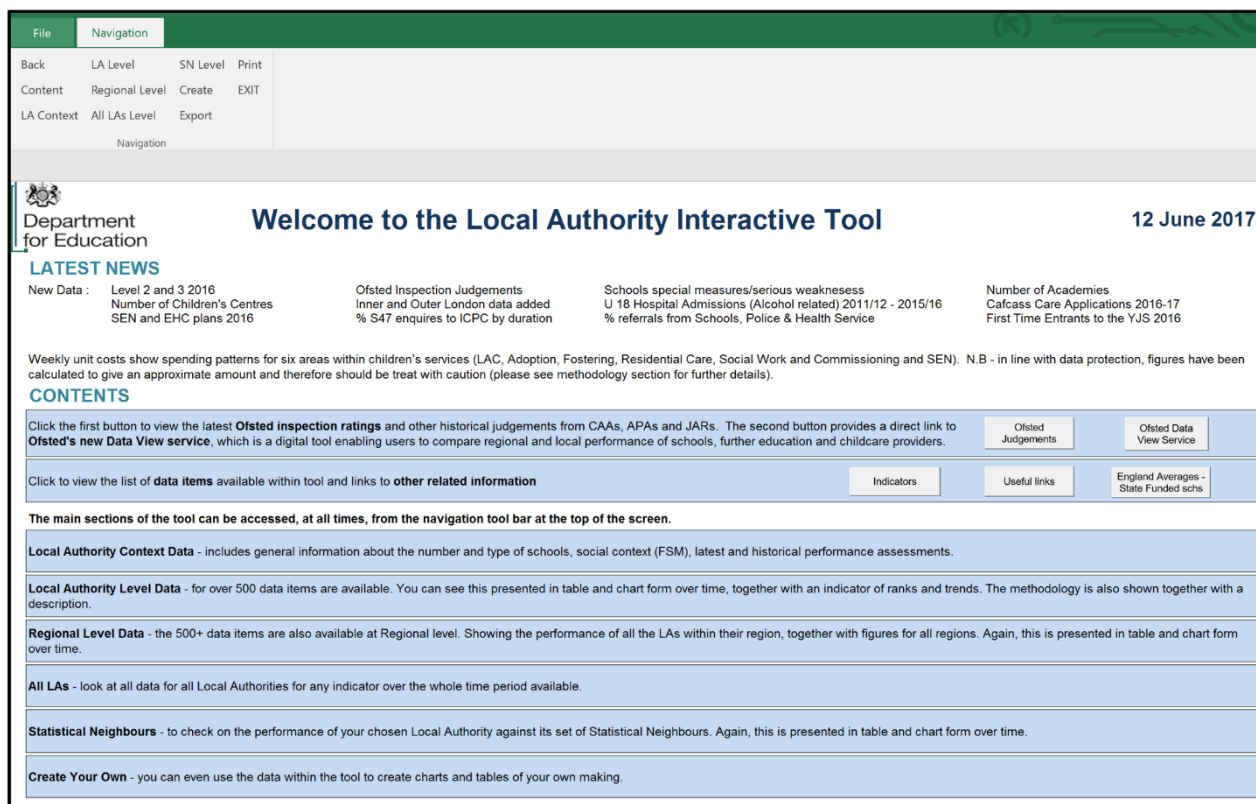


Note that the ‘Back’ menu item will always take the Tool back to the previous screen viewed.

LAIT Contents

The LAIT has a Contents page which appears on first opening the tool (figure 3).

Figure 3: Contents



The screenshot shows the 'Contents' page of the Local Authority Interactive Tool (LAIT). At the top, there is a green navigation bar with a 'File' tab and a 'Navigation' tab. Below the navigation bar, there is a header section with the Department for Education logo, the title 'Welcome to the Local Authority Interactive Tool', and the date '12 June 2017'. The main content area is titled 'LATEST NEWS' and lists several news items, including 'New Data : Level 2 and 3 2016', 'Ofsted Inspection Judgements', 'Schools special measures/serious weaknesses', and 'Number of Academies'. Below the news section, there is a 'CONTENTS' section with a paragraph explaining the tool's purpose and a list of buttons for 'Ofsted Judgements', 'Ofsted Data View Service', 'Indicators', 'Useful links', and 'England Averages - State Funded schs'. The bottom section, titled 'The main sections of the tool can be accessed, at all times, from the navigation tool bar at the top of the screen.', lists six main sections: 'Local Authority Context Data', 'Local Authority Level Data', 'Regional Level Data', 'All LAs', 'Statistical Neighbours', and 'Create Your Own'.

File Navigation

Back LA Level SN Level Print
Content Regional Level Create EXIT
LA Context All LAs Level Export
Navigation

Department for Education

Welcome to the Local Authority Interactive Tool

12 June 2017

LATEST NEWS

New Data : Level 2 and 3 2016
Number of Children's Centres
SEN and EHC plans 2016

Ofsted Inspection Judgements
Inner and Outer London data added
% S47 enquires to ICPC by duration

Schools special measures/serious weaknesses
U 18 Hospital Admissions (Alcohol related) 2011/12 - 2015/16
% referrals from Schools, Police & Health Service

Number of Academies
Cafcass Care Applications 2016-17
First Time Entrants to the YJS 2016

Weekly unit costs show spending patterns for six areas within children's services (LAC, Adoption, Fostering, Residential Care, Social Work and Commissioning and SEN). N.B - in line with data protection, figures have been calculated to give an approximate amount and therefore should be treated with caution (please see methodology section for further details).

CONTENTS

Click the first button to view the latest **Ofsted inspection ratings** and other historical judgements from CAAs, APAs and JARs. The second button provides a direct link to **Ofsted's new Data View service**, which is a digital tool enabling users to compare regional and local performance of schools, further education and childcare providers.

Click to view the list of **data items** available within tool and links to **other related information**

The main sections of the tool can be accessed, at all times, from the navigation tool bar at the top of the screen.

Local Authority Context Data - includes general information about the number and type of schools, social context (FSM), latest and historical performance assessments.

Local Authority Level Data - for over 500 data items are available. You can see this presented in table and chart form over time, together with an indicator of ranks and trends. The methodology is also shown together with a description.

Regional Level Data - the 500+ data items are also available at Regional level. Showing the performance of all the LAs within their region, together with figures for all regions. Again, this is presented in table and chart form over time.

All LAs - look at all data for all Local Authorities for any indicator over the whole time period available.

Statistical Neighbours - to check on the performance of your chosen Local Authority against its set of Statistical Neighbours. Again, this is presented in table and chart form over time.

Create Your Own - you can even use the data within the tool to create charts and tables of your own making.

Local Authority Context Information

Figure 4: LA Context Information

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EXIT

LA Context
All LAs Level
Export

Navigation

Barking and Dagenham Local Authority Context View

Barking and Dagenham

Social Context:

	Primary FSM Eligibility 2019 (inc. Nursery)	Secondary FSM Eligibility 2019	Primary First language other than English 2018	Secondary First language other than English 2018	Average Score	Rank of Average Score
Percentage	15.80	16.70	56.50	42.50	34.64	11*
Rank	77	96	141	130		
England %	15.70	14.10	21.20	16.60	* = 1 being most deprived	

LA Engagement

Intervention (July 2019)
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Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS)

Publication Date	Type of Inspection	Overall Effectiveness	Experiences and progress of children in need for help and protection	Experiences and progress of children in care and care leavers	Impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families
01/04/2019	Standard	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement

Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and Care Leavers and Review of the effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board

Publication Date	Overall Judgement	Children who need help and protection	Children looked after and achieving permanence	>> Adoption Performance	>> Experience and Progress of care leavers	Leadership and governance	Effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board
07/07/2014	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement

NB - See Ofsted Inspection View (accessed via Content page) for historical inspectorate judgements

The aim of this section is to give background information about the chosen authority. The page provides information on social context, deprivation and Ofsted inspections.

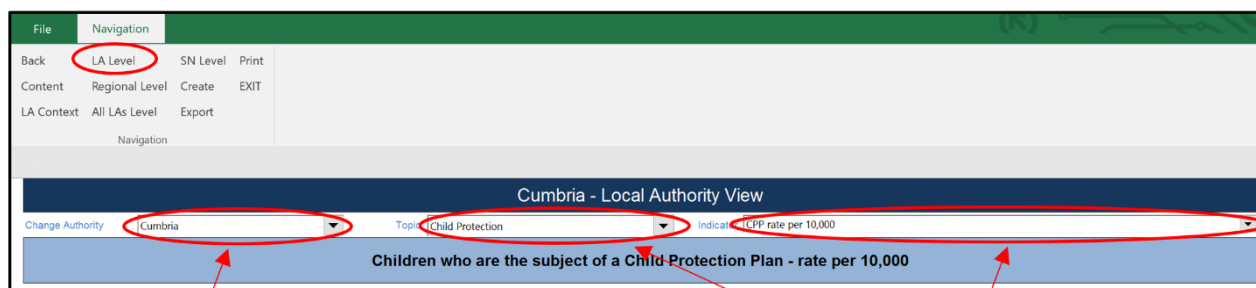
The authority being viewed can be changed by using the drop-down list provided at the top of the page/screen.

Local Authority Detail Page

The menu item LA Level changes the view to the chosen authority's detail page (figure 5).

There are various elements to this page. It begins with a header detailing the chosen topic and indicator from the drop down box at the centre/top right of the page. There is also an option to change the target authority at the top left of the page.

Figure 5: LA Detail Page



As this is an interactive system, the table and chart (and relevant titling) change automatically depending on the indicator chosen.

Having chosen the data item, there is a table beneath this which will show time series data for the indicator in respect of the authority, its Region and Statistical Neighbours and England - for comparison/benchmarking purposes (figure 6).

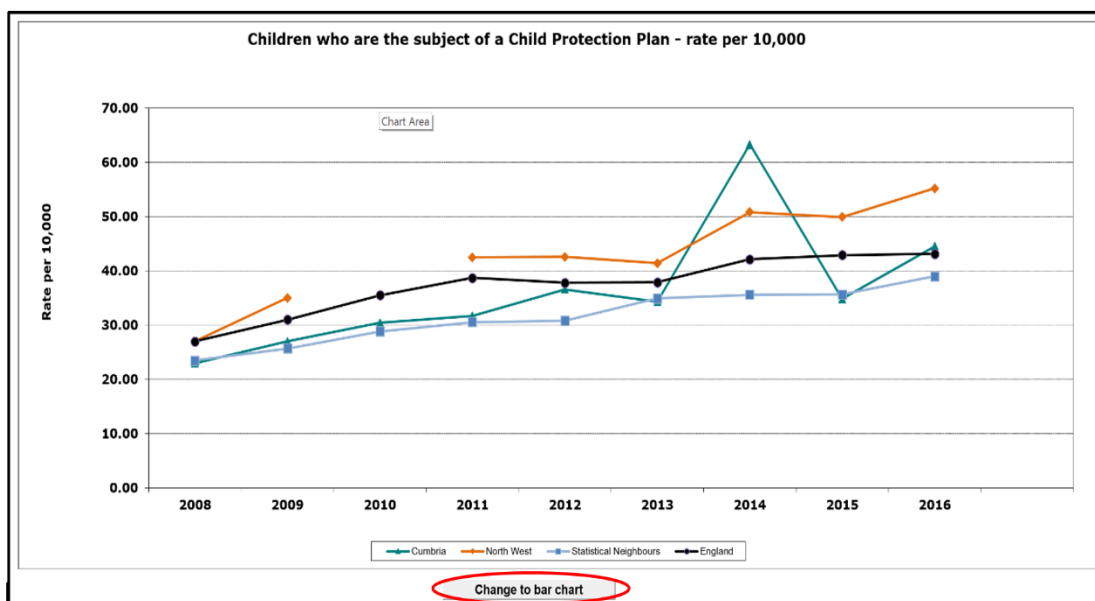
Figure 6: Data Table for Chosen Authority/Data Item

Local Authority, Region and England		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	-	Change from previous year
909	Cumbria	23.00	27.00	30.40	31.70	36.60	34.30	63.30	34.80	44.50	-	9.70
981	North West	27.00	35.00	-	42.50	42.60	41.40	50.80	49.90	55.20	-	5.30
	Statistical Neighbours	23.50	25.70	28.83	30.54	30.82	34.93	35.59	35.61	38.96	-	3.35
970	England	27.00	31.00	35.50	38.70	37.80	37.90	42.10	42.90	43.10	-	0.20

Beneath this is a sub-table showing trends and placing the authority in a quartile banding for the measure. Formatting will flag up As and Ds for clarity.

These tables are followed by a chart, which plots the authority and regional data over the same time period as the table, providing a visual representation of the data (figure 7).

Figure 7: Charting the Data



The Tool provides an option to toggle between a bar chart and a line chart for this data, depending on preference.

Beneath the chart are two boxes, one describes the data item in more detail whilst the other provides the methodology behind its calculation (figure 8).

Also given is the date last published and next due publication date.

Should the user wish for further information, the source of the latest data is given and the 'Go to source' button will launch the relevant website.

Figure 8: Data Methodology and Description

Description:

Conception Statistics are produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and are published in Health Statistics Quarterly. The data are compiled by combining information from registrations of births and notifications of legal abortions, they do not include miscarriages or illegal abortions.

Methodology:

Conception data are compiled partly from birth registrations (which legally can be undertaken up to 6 weeks after birth), the raw data are not available until up to 11 months after the event. Time is also needed to collate, input, validate and compile the data, so that the statistics are published about fourteen months after the end of the period to which they relate. Hence the data for the year 2000 were published in February 2002.

Last Updated: March 2017
Next Updated: March 2018

Source: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/conceptionandfertilityrates/datasets/conceptionstatisticsenglandandwalesreferencetables>

[Go to the source...](#)

Note: If Key Stage 2 or Key Stage 4 (GCSE) is selected, a button will appear on the **LA Level view** called 'View performance at school level' (figure 9). Clicking on this button will launch the School Performance Table for the selected Key Stage and chosen Local Authority. This will allow a 'drill-down' into school level data.

Figure 9: View School Level Attainment Data

Indicator

Mathematics - Expected standard All Pupils

[View school performance tables](#)

Note: If under 18 conception rates is the chosen data item, then an extra option appears on the LA Level view. This provides a direct link to the latest Teenage Pregnancy Guidance.

Regional Level Data Page

The menu item Regional Level changes the view to the Regional Level detail page (figure 10). This shows the selected authority's Regional data against the other Local Authority Regional data (and England) in the top part of the table, and the selected authority against its Regional neighbours in the bottom part of the table. Note that each of these tables is sorted by the latest data.

Figure 10: Regional Level Detail Page

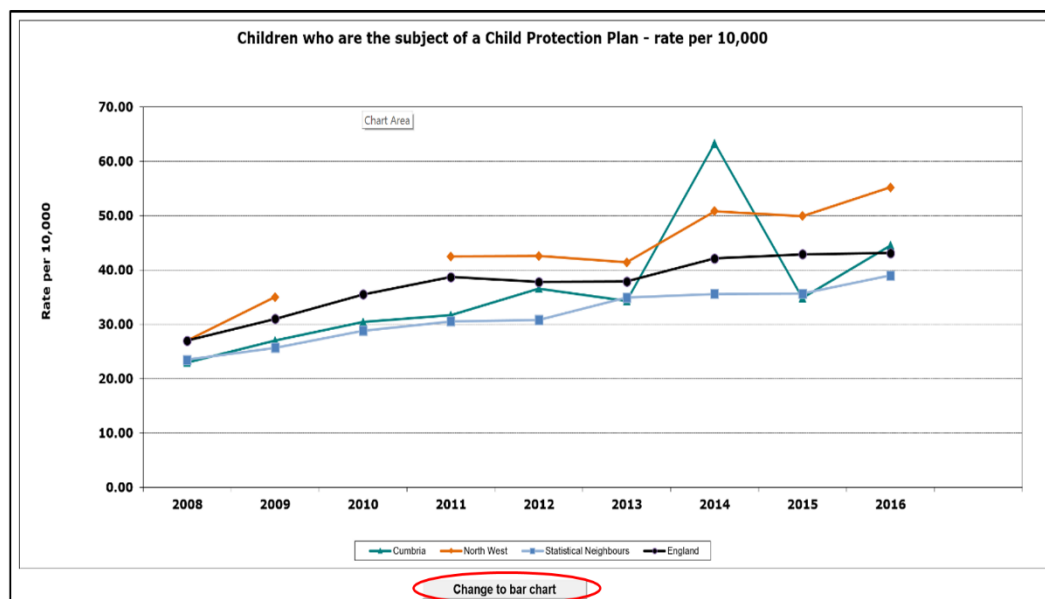
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Content	Regional Level	Create	EXIT									
LA Context	All LAs Level	Export										
Navigation												
Cumbria - Regional View												
Change Authority	Cumbria	Topic	Child Protection	Indicator	CYP rate per 10,000							
Children who are the subject of a Child Protection Plan - rate per 10,000												
Regional Authorities												
LA No		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	-	Change from previous year
356	Stockport	23.00	28.00	27.00	24.90	43.30	51.00	58.80	38.70	30.70	-	-8.00
350	Bolton	31.00	41.00	58.80	57.30	36.50	33.10	58.50	39.00	33.30	-	-6.70
895	Cheshire East	-	-	18.90	22.90	27.90	21.40	27.10	41.60	37.20	-	-4.40
359	Wigan	17.00	32.00	36.50	30.80	40.60	26.50	31.50	47.20	40.30	-	-6.90
354	Rochdale	15.00	29.00	38.60	41.00	48.20	45.20	62.40	51.20	44.40	-	-6.80
909	Cumbria	23.00	27.00	30.40	31.70	36.60	34.30	63.30	34.60	44.50	-	9.70
357	Tameside	22.00	34.00	40.00	39.50	49.50	33.70	34.30	43.50	44.90	-	1.40
341	Liverpool	48.00	58.00	-	59.20	50.40	38.60	43.90	49.90	47.40	-	-2.50
343	Salford	41.00	54.00	41.10	41.00	45.80	39.80	41.60	47.30	47.90	-	0.60
896	Cheshire West and Chester	-	-	23.60	22.30	37.60	32.10	26.10	37.20	48.50	-	11.30
876	Hallam	24.00	26.00	30.40	28.60	29.40	27.70	58.70	55.40	50.60	-	-4.80
889	Blackburn with Darwen	11.50	35.00	46.90	48.80	58.80	36.30	56.80	48.90	55.50	-	6.60
353	Oldham	31.00	43.00	55.50	42.50	56.10	51.90	48.80	56.50	56.40	-	-0.10
358	Trafford	42.00	45.00	42.40	35.20	35.90	40.60	63.70	46.90	58.20	-	11.30
351	Bury	34.00	34.00	29.00	42.40	38.10	27.30	52.30	47.00	59.10	-	12.10
888	Lancashire	20.00	26.00	-	27.00	22.50	36.30	44.30	38.20	59.50	-	21.30
344	Worral	17.00	33.00	35.00	43.40	55.00	39.80	43.00	34.50	59.80	-	25.30
877	Warrington	24.00	22.00	30.20	36.70	38.60	35.40	59.40	51.50	62.00	-	10.50
340	Knosley	39.00	38.00	47.70	49.10	49.00	44.10	57.30	62.30	64.00	-	1.70
352	Manchester	55.00	57.00	61.50	72.60	58.20	67.10	82.00	78.70	71.60	-	-7.10
342	St Helens	23.00	31.00	51.50	59.50	48.70	43.00	63.60	74.40	79.10	-	4.70
355	Salford	29.00	49.00	68.10	95.80	65.00	68.20	63.40	67.30	89.70	-	22.40
890	Blackpool	55.00	52.00	65.50	107.10	104.20	116.20	105.60	123.20	129.90	-	6.70
985	East of England	22.00	25.00	-	31.80	29.20	29.30	34.80	35.70	35.40	-	-0.30
988	Outer London	-	-	-	-	-	-	35.10	38.30	36.20	-	-2.10
986	London	32.00	35.00	-	38.60	35.70	34.80	37.40	40.60	37.90	-	-2.70
987	Inner London	-	-	-	-	-	-	41.30	44.60	40.90	-	-3.70
982	Yorkshire and the Humber	25.00	29.00	-	40.00	42.10	48.70	44.60	41.80	41.70	-	-0.10
989	South East	23.00	28.00	-	37.20	33.70	32.10	38.10	40.80	42.10	-	1.30
984	West Midlands	29.00	35.00	-	41.20	41.40	42.10	44.70	45.90	43.30	-	-2.60
990	South West	22.00	26.00	-	33.90	36.30	37.30	40.30	41.90	43.40	-	1.50
993	East Midlands	26.00	27.00	-	38.30	36.40	39.30	41.60	45.70	45.50	-	-0.20
981	North West	27.00	35.00	-	42.50	42.80	41.40	60.80	49.90	55.20	-	5.30
992	North East	37.00	43.00	-	51.00	53.60	51.10	59.30	59.50	59.60	-	0.10
979	England	27.00	31.00	35.50	38.70	37.80	37.90	42.10	42.80	43.10	-	0.30

LA level data for all LA's in the chosen region (target LA in 'teal')

Regional level data (with the chosen/target region in 'teal' and others in blue).

Following the pattern of the Local Authority page, beneath this table is a chart of the data in the table (figure 11) together with the option to change to a line chart.

Figure 11: Regional Level Charting



Again, like the Local Authority page, the description, methodology, last and next update dates, and a link to the latest source (from which you can launch directly into the source of the data by clicking on the 'Go to source...' button) is given.

All Local Authorities Detail Page

The menu item All LAs Level changes the view to show all 152 Local Authorities on one screen, (figure 12). This page can be exported to allow users to build up a more detailed analysis across all LAs themselves.

Figure 12: The view of all England's upper tier Local Authorities

File		Navigation												
Back	LA Level	SN Level	Print											
Content	Regional Level	Create	EXIT											
LA Context	All LAs Level	Export												
Navigation														
				All Local Authorities										
				Topic	Health and Wellbeing					Indicator	Infant Mortality			
				Infant Mortality rate per 1000 live births										
LA No	LA Name	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	-	-	-	Change from previous year	Latest Rank (if applicable)	
301	Barking and Dagenham	-	5.80	4.00	3.80	4.30	5.30	3.60	-	-	-	-1.70	66	
302	Barnet	-	5.30	3.80	3.50	2.10	2.30	2.30	-	-	-	0.00	19	
370	Barnsley	-	5.00	5.20	2.70	2.00	5.00	4.30	-	-	-	-0.70	103	
800	Bath and North East Somerset	-	4.00	0.50	2.20	-	2.20	1.80	-	-	-	-0.40	6	
822	Bedford Borough	-	3.70	4.70	9.10	3.80	3.90	4.70	-	-	-	0.80	122	
303	Bexley	-	3.30	3.00	2.80	2.90	3.40	2.00	-	-	-	-1.40	11	
330	Birmingham	-	7.70	6.50	8.20	6.50	7.50	7.30	-	-	-	-0.20	147	
889	Blackburn with Darwen	-	7.80	10.00	5.10	3.90	4.40	8.60	-	-	-	4.20	149	
890	Blackpool	-	7.50	7.30	4.00	4.00	8.20	4.40	-	-	-	-3.80	108	
350	Bolton	-	4.90	5.40	5.20	5.80	3.70	3.50	-	-	-	-0.20	60	
837	Bournemouth	-	2.70	2.20	3.40	3.40	3.40	2.20	-	-	-	-1.20	16	

The data item drop down operates in the usual way, of course, but the authorities are just listed alphabetically, not in order of the latest data item.

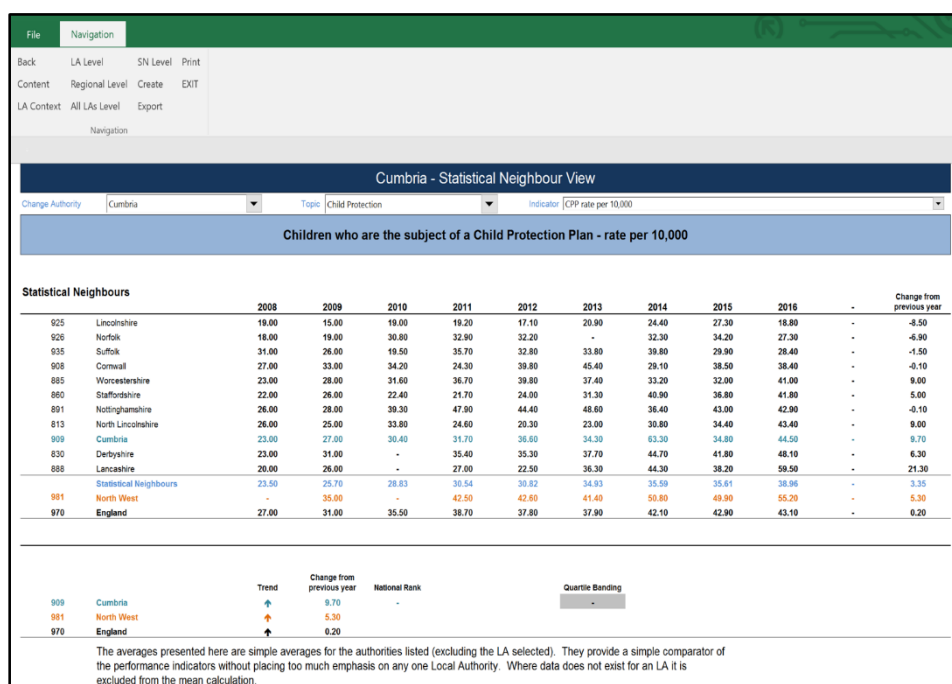
Statistical Neighbour Detail Page

Statistical neighbours provide a method for benchmarking progress. For each local authority (LA), these models designate a number of other LAs deemed to have similar characteristics. These designated LAs are known as statistical neighbours. The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) was commissioned in 2007 by the Department to identify and group similar LAs in terms of the socio-economic characteristics, each LA was assigned 10 such neighbours. See Appendix A for further details.

These neighbour groupings have been used in this tool to allow comparison of the target/chosen authority with the authorities in its Statistical Neighbour group.

The menu item SN Level changes the view to the chosen authority's statistical neighbour's page where, again, time series information is shown, the spread of which depends on the data item (figure 13).

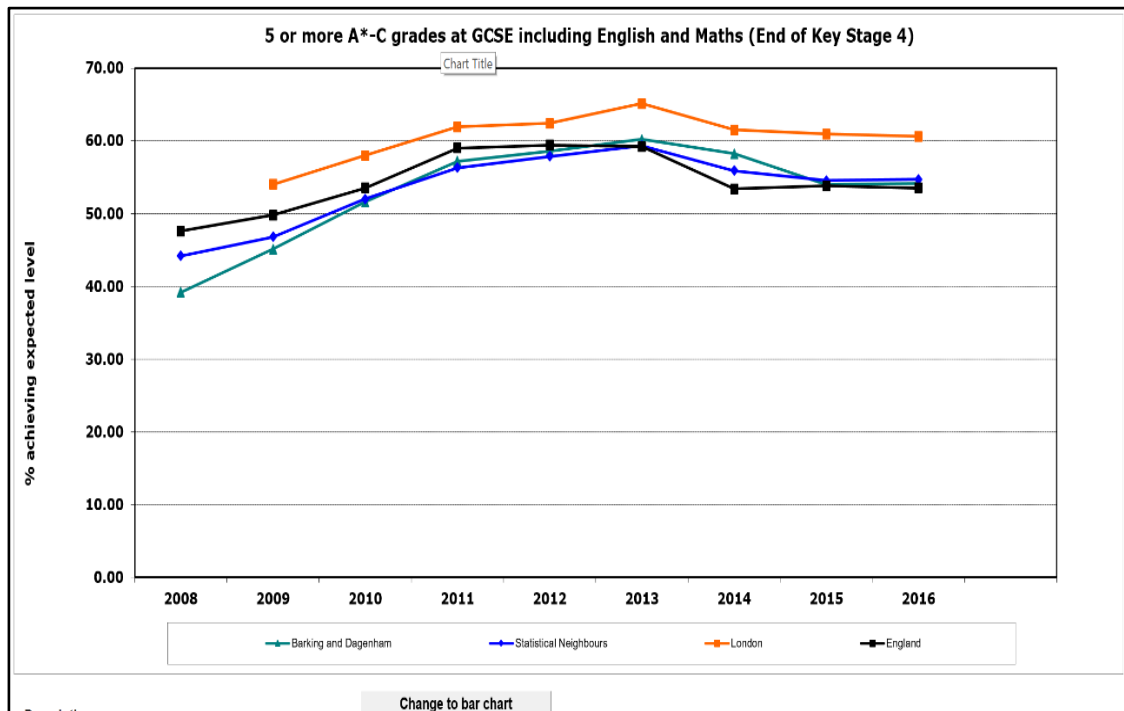
Figure 13: Statistical Neighbour View



Chosen authority in 'teal' sorted within stat neighbour group, with SN and England averages

Under this is a chart of the data for the chosen/target authority and the Statistical Neighbour average (figure 14). The usual description, methodology and link to source are given beneath the chart.

Figure 14: Statistical Neighbour Charting



Again, this table/chart combination is interactive depending on the data item chosen.

Create Your Own Table and Chart

The Tool allows you to use the data within it to create your own data tables and associated charts. The menu item Create opens a screen with 4 user selectable drop-down boxes (figure 15). This allows for a choice of data item, local authority and regional level.

Figure 15: "Create Your Own" Drop Downs

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Create your Own

In this area of the tool you can create / customise your own table and chart. Simply use the dropdowns to select up to 10 data items which interests you.....

Health and Wellbeing Infant Mortality Barking and Dagenham North East

To create a table and chart combination, select a choice from these 4 boxes and select the 'Add' button to populate the table (figure 16). The chart will populate automatically.

Figure 16: The Data Table Populates as Data is Added

Under 18 conception Rates per 1000 girls (15-17)		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	-	-	
301	Barking and Dagenham-Conception R	53.10	51.10	46.30	35.40	40.10	32.40	31.00	-	-	Add
980	North East-Conception Rates	45.70	43.50	38.40	35.50	30.60	30.20	28.00	-	-	Add
970	England-Conception Rates	37.10	34.20	30.70	27.70	24.30	22.80	20.80	-	-	Add

Clear Selection Show Chart Title

As up to 10 items can be chosen using these drop down combinations, a second table lists the actual items selected. There are also buttons provided to allow for the deletion of individual rows or to clear the whole selection of data, as well as to allow the addition of a chart title (figure 17).

Figure 17: Range of User Selectable Buttons

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Health and Wellbeing

Infant Mortality

City of Bristol

London

Infant Mortality rate per 1000 live births		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	-	-	-	
801	City of Bristol-Infant Mortality	3.20	2.30	3.00	3.50	3.20	3.10	-	-	-	Add
986	London-Infant Mortality	4.50	4.70	4.10	3.80	3.80	3.10	-	-	-	Add
970	England-Infant Mortality	4.60	4.30	4.00	4.00	3.90	3.90	-	-	-	Add

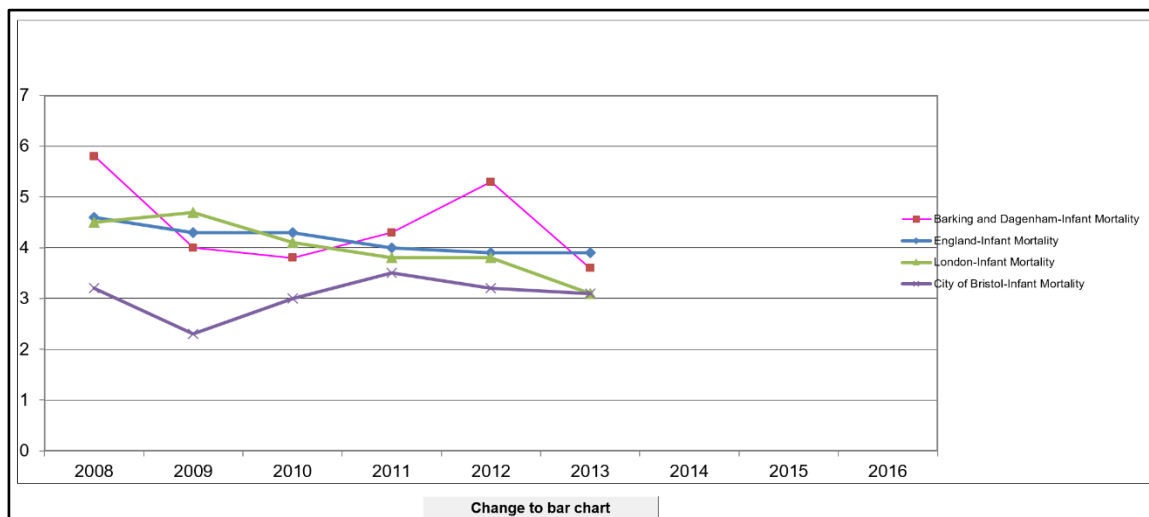
Clear Selection Show Chart Title

Data Selected

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	-	-	-	
Barking and Dagenham-Infant	5.80	4.00	3.80	4.30	5.30	3.60	-	-	-	Remove
England-Infant Mortality	4.60	4.30	4.30	4.00	3.90	3.90	-	-	-	Remove
London-Infant Mortality	4.50	4.70	4.10	3.80	3.80	3.10	-	-	-	Remove
City of Bristol-Infant Mortality	3.20	2.30	3.00	3.50	3.20	3.10	-	-	-	Remove

As these data items are added, the chart will build automatically and there is the same option to change between line and bar chart (figure 18).

Figure 18: Chart Being Created by Adding Data items

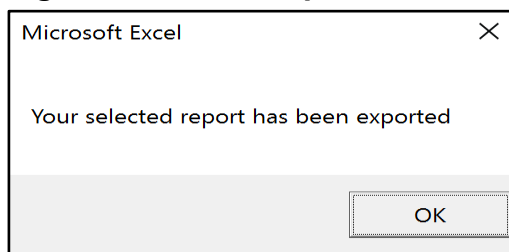


‘Exporting’ a Report/Fixed View

On the navigation bar there is an option to export ‘fixed views’ of the page being displayed. This means that, once an authority and data item is chosen, the sheet in the Excel workbook tool can be exported into another Excel workbook and saved to a PC or network drive.

Choose ‘Export’ from the Navigation bar and, once the sheet has exported, a message appears (figure 19).

Figure 19: Sheet Exported Successfully Message



The ‘Save As’ dialogue box will then appear to allow for a local copy to be saved.

Ofsted Judgements

Details of results of Ofsted inspections can be viewed from the contents page by clicking on the Ofsted judgements button (figure 20). This will show the ratings of the current Unannounced Inspections as well as other historical judgements from CAAs, APAs and JARs (figure 21).

Double clicking on an LA name will open the relevant page on the Ofsted Inspection website to aid navigation.

Figure 20: Contents Page

File **Navigation**

Back LA Level SN Level Print
Content Regional Level Create EXIT
LA Context All LAs Level Export
Navigation

Department for Education **Welcome to the Local Authority Interactive Tool** **12 June 2017**

LATEST NEWS
New Data : Level 2 and 3 2016
Number of Children's Centres
SEN and EHC plans 2016
Ofsted Inspection Judgements
Inner and Outer London data added
% S47 enquires to ICPC by duration
Schools special measures/serious weakness
U 18 Hospital Admissions (Alcohol related) 2011/12 - 2015/16
% referrals from Schools, Police & Health Service
Number of Academies
Cafcass Care Applications 2016-17
First Time Entrants to the YJS 2016

Weekly unit costs show spending patterns for six areas within children's services (LAC, Adoption, Fostering, Residential Care, Social Work and Commissioning and SEN). N.B - in line with data protection, figures have been calculated to give an approximate amount and therefore should be treated with caution (please see methodology section for further details).

CONTENTS
Click the first button to view the latest **Ofsted inspection ratings** and other historical judgements from CAAs, APAs and JARs. The second button provides a direct link to **Ofsted's new Data View service**, which is a digital tool enabling users to compare regional and local performance of schools, further education and childcare providers.
Click to view the list of **data items** available within tool and links to **other related information**

Ofsted Judgements
Ofsted Data View Service
Indicators
Useful links
England Averages - State Funded schs

Figure 21: Ofsted Inspection results

File **Navigation**

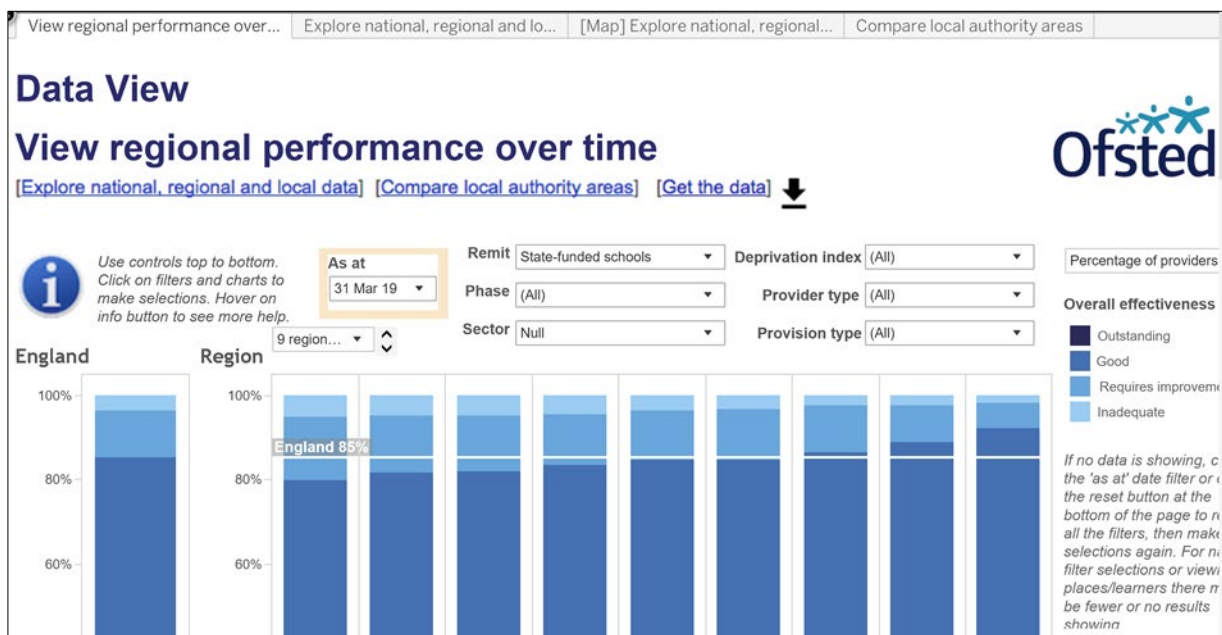
Back LA Level SN Level Print
Content Regional Level Create EXIT
LA Context All LAs Level Export
Navigation

>>>> Double click on the LA name to access the Authority's Ofsted inspection reports (opens Ofsted's website)<<<<

LA Name	Inspection of local authority children's services (ILACS)						Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, c				
	Publication Date	Type of Inspection (standard or short)	Overall Effectiveness	Experiences and progress of children in need for help and protection	Experiences and progress of children in care and care leavers	Impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families	Publication Date	Overall Judgement	Children who need help and protection	Children looked after and achieving permanence	Adoption performance
Barking & Dagenham	01/04/2019	Standard	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	07/07/2014	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement
Barnet	01/07/2019	Standard	Good	Good	Good	Good	07/07/2017	Inadequate	Inadequate	Inadequate	Requires Improvement
Barnsley	19/11/2018	Standard	Good	Good	Good	Good	08/08/2014	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement
Bath & North East Somerset	-	-	-	-	-	-	07/07/2017	Good	Requires Improvement	Good	Outstanding
Bedford Borough	-	-	-	-	-	-	07/04/2017	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Good
Bexley	20/08/2018	Standard	Outstanding	Outstanding	Good	Outstanding	23/05/2014	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement
Birmingham	17/01/2019	Standard	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	23/05/2014 & 25/11/2016	Inadequate	Inadequate	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement
Blackburn with Darwen	-	-	-	-	-	-	08/12/2017	Good	Requires Improvement	Good	Good
Blackpool	17/01/2019	Standard	Inadequate	Inadequate	Requires Improvement	Inadequate	08/09/2014	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement
Bolton	12/06/2018	Standard	Good	Good	Good	Good	21/03/2014	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	Good	Good

The second button on the contents page (figure 20) provides a direct link to Ofsted's new Data View service. This is a digital tool to enable users to compare regional and local performance of schools, further education and childcare providers (figure 22).

Figure 22: Ofsted Data View Service



Data Items included in the LAIT

An indicator list (figure 23) is provided for all data provided in the LAIT; this can be accessed via the contents page.

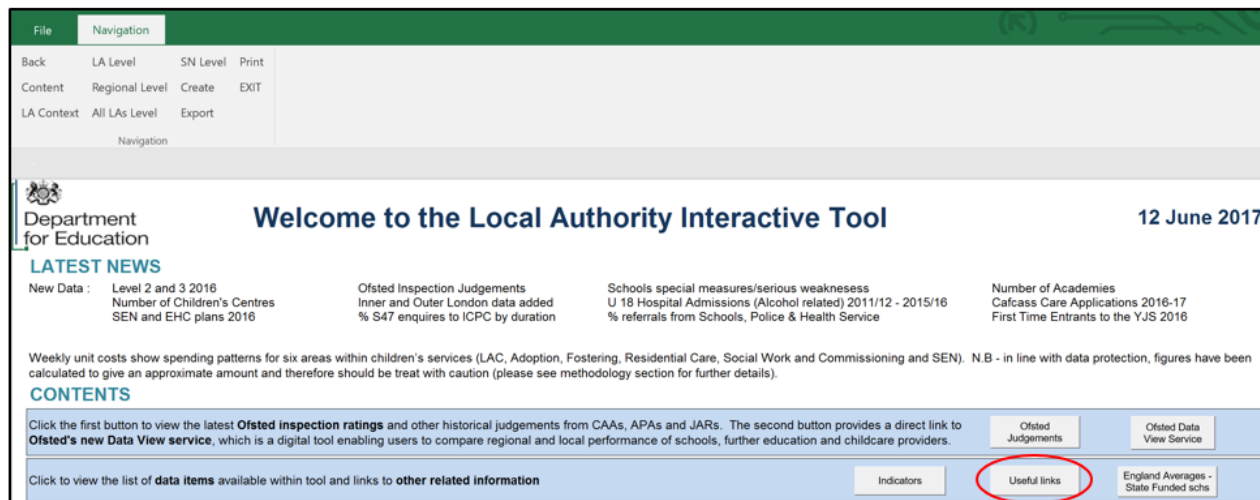
Figure 23: Indicator List

Indicator List	
Dropdown Description	Indicator description
Health and Wellbeing>>>	
Infant Mortality	Infant Mortality rate per 1000 live births
Low birth weight	Low birth weight full term live births as a percentage of all full term live births
Assessed Child Deaths - modifiable factors	Number of child death reviews completed on behalf of the LSCB which were assessed as having modifiable factors
Under 18 Conception rates	Under 18 conception Rates per 1000 girls (15-17)
Prevalence of breastfeeding	Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks
Excess weight in Reception year	% of children in reception year who are overweight or obese
Excess weight in Year 6	% of children in year 6 who are overweight or obese
Emergency Hospital Admissions 0-14yr olds	Emergency Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries to children (New Definition)
Under 18 Hospital Admissions (Alcohol related)	Under 18 Hospital Admissions (Alcohol related) - rate per 100,000
Inpatient admission rate for mental health (0-17 year olds)	Inpatient admission rate for mental health disorders per 100,000 population aged 0-17 years
Child Road Traffic Casualties	Number of children killed and seriously injured in RTAs
Vaccination coverage - HPV (females 12-13 years old)	Percentage Population vaccination coverage - HPV (human papilloma virus females 12-13 years old)
Chlamydia diagnosis rate	Chlamydia diagnosis rate per 100,000 aged 15-24
Proportion of children aged 2-2½yrs offered ASQ-3	Proportion of children aged 2-2½yrs offered ASQ-3 as part of the Healthy Child Programme or integrated review
Child Protection >>>	
Number of referrals to Children's Social Services	Number of referrals to Children's Social Services
Rates per 10,000 of referrals to Children's Social Services	Rates per 10,000 of referrals to Children's Social Services
Referrals to children's social care going on to initial assessment	Referrals to children's social care going on to initial assessment
Referrals to children's social care closed with no further action	Referrals to children's social care closed with no further action
Referrals where the child is assessed but not found to be in need	% of referrals which resulted in an assessment and the child was assessed not to be in need
Initial assessments completed rate per 10,000	Rate of initial assessments completed per 10,000 children aged under 18

Useful Links to Other Websites/Information

A useful links button (figure 24) is located on the contents screen, to provide the user with signposting (figure 25) to further useful information and websites.

Figure 24: Useful Links



Selecting the “GO” buttons within signposting (figure 25) will take the user to the particular information/website associated with that button, e.g. “Adoption Scorecards” (figure 26).

Figure 25: Signposting

Links to other websites/information	
This screen provide links to other related information which you may find useful.	
Early Years Outcomes Dashboard	Go
Adoption Scorecards	Go
School Performance Tables	Go
School Places Scorecards	Go
NEET Scorecards	Go
Local Authority Finance Information	Go
Public Health Outcome Framework	Go
Child Health Profiles	Go
Ofsted Inspection Reports (inc LAs, Schools, Adoption Services, etc)	Go

Figure 26: Example of Signposting

The screenshot shows the GOV.UK website interface. At the top is the GOV.UK logo and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, the page is titled 'Collection' and 'Statistics: local authority and school finance'. It includes metadata such as 'From: Department for Education', 'Part of: Data collection and statistical returns and Running a school or college', 'Published: 24 September 2013', and 'Last updated: 15 December 2016, see all updates'. A descriptive paragraph states: 'Statistics on local authority and school spending on education, including academies and children and young people's services.' A 'Contents' section lists links to 'Local authority and school finance', 'Academy spending', 'Planned local authority and school spending', and 'Related school spending data'. A text block explains that statistics from May 2010 onwards are available on GOV.UK or the National Archives. A section titled 'Local authority and school finance' describes the data as 'Local-authority-maintained school and local authority spending on education, children and young people's services and social care functions.' It includes a link to 'LA and school expenditure: 2015 to 2016 financial year' dated 10 May 2017, categorized as 'Official Statistics'.

England Averages for State Funded Schools

Selecting the “England Averages – State Funded Schools” button (figure 27) on the contents page will take the user to the England Average data for the Key Stage 2, GCSE and A Level covering a number of years for state funded schools only (figure 28).

Figure 27: England Averages

The screenshot shows the 'Welcome to the Local Authority Interactive Tool' page from the Department for Education, dated 12 June 2017. It features a navigation menu at the top with options like 'Back', 'LA Level', 'SN Level', 'Print', 'Content', 'Regional Level', 'Create', 'EXIT', 'LA Context', 'All LAs Level', and 'Export'. The main content area includes a 'LATEST NEWS' section with links to 'New Data: Level 2 and 3 2016', 'Ofsted Inspection Judgements', 'Schools special measures/serious weaknesses', and 'Number of Academies'. A 'CONTENTS' section at the bottom provides instructions on how to view 'Ofsted inspection ratings' and 'Ofsted's new Data View service'. At the very bottom, there are buttons for 'Indicators', 'Useful links', and 'England Averages - State Funded schools', which is circled in red to indicate it is the target of the signposting.

Figure 28: England Averages for State Funded Schools only

LAIT - Read-Only - Excel											
Navigation											
File	Navigation										
Back	LA Level	SN Level	Print								
Content	Regional Level	Create	EXIT								
LA Context	All LAs Level	Export									
Navigation											
England Averages for State Funded Schools only											
Where applicable, the England Averages displayed in the presentation views are for 'All Schools'. This page provides details of England Averages for state funded school only for comparison purposes.											
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Key Stage 2	KS2 % reading, writing and mathematics - Expected standard - All Pupils	-	-	-	-	-	-	54.0	62.0	65.0	-
	KS2 % reading, writing and mathematics - Higher standard - All Pupils	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	9.0	10.0	-
	KS2 - Expected standard Reading - All Pupils	-	-	-	-	-	-	66.0	72.0	76.0	-
	KS2 - Higher standard Reading - All Pupils	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.0	25.0	28.0	-
	KS2 - Average Scaled Score Reading - All Pupils	-	-	-	-	-	-	103.0	104.0	105.0	-
	KS2 TA - Expected standard Reading - All Pupils	-	-	-	-	-	-	80.0	80.0	81.0	-
	KS2 - Expected standard Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - All Pupils	-	-	-	-	-	-	73.0	78.0	78.0	-
	KS2 - Average Scaled Score Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - All Pupils	-	-	-	-	-	-	104.0	106.0	106.0	-
	KS2 - Higher standard Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - All Pupils	-	-	-	-	-	-	23.0	31.0	35.0	-
	KS2 - Expected standard Maths - All Pupils	-	-	-	-	-	-	70.0	75.0	76.0	-
	KS2 - Higher standard Maths - All Pupils	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.0	23.0	24.0	-
	KS2 - Average Scaled Score Maths - All Pupils	-	-	-	-	-	-	103.0	104.0	104.0	-
	KS2 TA - expected standard Maths - All Pupils	-	-	-	-	-	-	78.0	78.0	79.0	-
	KS2 TA - expected standard Writing - All Pupils	-	-	-	-	-	-	74.0	77.0	79.0	-
	KS2 TA - % working at greater depth in writing - All Pupils	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.0	18.0	20.0	-
GCSEs	KS2 TA - expected standard Science - All Pupils	-	-	-	-	-	-	81.0	82.0	83.0	-
	Average Attainment 8 score per pupil	-	-	-	-	-	48.6	50.1	46.5	46.6	-
	Average Progress 8 score per pupil	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	-0.03	-0.02	-
	% achieving 9-5 pass in English and Maths	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42.9	43.5	-
	% achieving 9-4 pass in English and Maths	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64.2	64.4	-
	English Baccalaureate Entries (%)	-	-	-	35.6	38.8	38.8	39.8	38.4	38.5	-
	% achieving the English Baccalaureate (inc 9-5 pass in English and maths)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.4	16.8	-
A Levels	% achieving the English Baccalaureate (inc 9-4 pass in English and maths)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23.9	24.2	-
	A levels 3+ A grades / Double awards	9.8	10.2	10.0	9.8	9.4	9.2	10.5	11.1	10.7	-
	A levels AAB grades / Applied / Double awards	-	17.1	16.8	16.7	16.1	15.9	18.5	19.3	18.2	-
	% of students achieving grades AAB or better at A level, at least two facilitating subjects	-	-	-	-	-	11.8	13.9	14.3	13.7	-
	A level cohort Average point score per entry	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.4	31.1	32.1	-
	Tech Level - Average point score per entry	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.8	32.3	28.1	-

Printing the Tool

The current view/screen can be printed from within the Tool by choosing the Print option from the Navigation bar. This will bring up the print dialogue box in the usual way.

Closing the Tool

The correct way out is via the 'EXIT' menu item in the navigation tool bar.

Troubleshooting

If at any point you receive a 'run-time error' warning, it means that the action you were attempting has failed and it is likely that other functionality within the Tool may be compromised. It has been found that by saving a local copy of the Tool once downloaded (Ctrl + S), rather than using the Tool as it arrives from the webpage, many of the issues may resolve themselves.

Appendix A – 2014, 2019 and 2021 Update to the Children's Services Statistical Neighbour Benchmarking Tool (CSSNBT)

Background

Statistical neighbour models provide one method for benchmarking progress. For each local authority (LA), these models designate a number of other LAs deemed to have similar characteristics. These designated LAs are known as statistical neighbours. Any LA may compare its performance (as measured by various indicators) against its statistical neighbours to provide an initial guide as to whether their performance is above or below the level that might be expected.

The CSSNBT was originally produced by the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) in 2007. There is an accompanying practitioner [user guide](#) and [final report](#) which explain the tool and its development in more detail.

The background variables used in the tool are listed in table 1 below. These are the variables used to define each LAs statistical neighbours.

In addition to updating the background variables derived from Census data using the 2011 Census in 2014, the tool was amended in 2019 and 2021 to assign statistical neighbours for local authorities affected by local government reorganisations (i.e. Dorset; Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole; North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire) and update (in 2021) mean weekly pay and % pupils known to be eligible for FSM for all LAs.

Table 1: Background Variables used in the model

Variable	Source for 2007 model ¹	Source for update ²
Mean Weekly pay - gross	Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (resident)	Update
% of pupils known to be eligible for FSM	DfES	Update
% of vehicles that are three years old or less	DVLA 2004	No update
% dependent children in household with occupancy rating of +2 or more	Census 2001	Bespoke ³
% dependent children in overcrowded household	Census 2001	Bespoke ³

¹ [CAS theme tables/advanced query](#)

² [Nomis Official Labour Market Statistics 2011 Census Tables](#)

³ [ONS 2011 Census Occupancy Rating Bedrooms](#)

Variable	Source for 2007 model ¹	Source for update ²
% dependent children in households with 2 or more cars	Census 2001	Bespoke ⁴
% dependent children in one adult household	Census 2001	Bespoke ⁵
% dependent children in household where HRP is in any managerial or professional occupation	Census 2001	Bespoke ⁶
% dependent children in household where HRP is in any routine occupation	Census 2001	Bespoke ⁶
% people with mixed ethnicity	Census 2001	Table: Ethnic Group
% people with Indian ethnicity	Census 2001	Table: Ethnic Group
% people with Pakistani ethnicity	Census 2001	Table: Ethnic Group
% people with Bangladeshi ethnicity	Census 2001	Table: Ethnic Group
% people with Other Asian ethnicity	Census 2001	Table: Ethnic Group
% people with Black Caribbean ethnicity	Census 2001	Table: Ethnic Group
% people with Black African ethnicity	Census 2001	Table: Ethnic Group
% people with Other Black ethnicity	Census 2001	Table: Ethnic Group
% of working age people with higher qualifications	Census 2001	Table: Highest level of qualification
% people in good health	Census 2001	Table: General Health ⁷
% households owned outright or owned with mortgage	Census 2001	Table: Tenure
% households with 3 or more dependent children	Census 2001	Bespoke ⁸
% of the population living in villages, hamlets or isolated settlements	Census 2001	Table: Usual resident population ⁹

⁴ [ONS 2011 Census Number of Cars/Vans in Household](#)

⁵ [ONS 2011 Census All Dependent Children living in One Adult Household](#)

⁶ [ONS 2011 Census National Statistics Socio-Economic Classification](#)

⁷ The health classification changed in 2011. Figures used in 2011 refer to the percentage of people in good or very good health.

⁸ [ONS 2011 Census Number of Dependent Children in Household](#)

⁹ [Nomis Official Labour Market Statistics 2011 Census Key Statistics](#)

Impact of the update

Table 2 below summarises the number of LAs that have new neighbours. On average, Local Authorities have two new statistical neighbours.

Table 2: Number of new statistical neighbours by number of Local Authorities as a result of the Census 2011 update

Number of new statistical neighbours	Number of local authorities
0	8
1	48
2	42
3	32
4	15
5	5
6	2

Table 3 below summaries the number of LAs that have new neighbours as result of the 2019 and 2021 local government reorganisations and refresh of mean weekly wage and % of children eligible for FSM:

Table 3:

Number of new statistical neighbours	Number of local authorities
0	44
1	66
2	34
3	8



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