

## **Appendix C - Educational Outcomes for Looked after Children 2011/12**

This briefing provides a summary of information on the educational outcomes for looked after children for 2011/2012. The information comes from a Scottish Government publication, which links looked after children's data provided by local authority social work services departments with educational data provided by publicly funded schools, the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and Skills Development Scotland (SDS).

The publication reports on the statistics for children or young people who were looked after continuously during that entire 2011/12 academic year. It does not reflect the position of children and young people whose status changed during that academic year or those that became looked after during that time unless otherwise stated.

## Key findings

### **Tariff scores**

- The average tariff score for the 17 young people looked after by Aberdeen City Council and who left school during 2011/12 was 86, compared to the national average of 106. The city is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> out of our comparable authorities this year. [Table 1]
- The average tariff score for all Aberdeen City Council school leavers was 406.[Table 2]  
However, this comparison is likely to be influenced by the fact that nationally around 79 per cent of looked after children who left school during 2011/12 were aged 16 years or under, compared to only 30 per cent of all school leavers being in this age range when leaving school.<sup>1</sup>[Table 3]
- The cumulative average tariff score of Aberdeen City's Council's looked after children over the past 3 years (2009/10-2011/12) was 88 (55 pupils) and is joint 1st among comparator local authorities along side South Ayrshire (25 pupils), this is also the same as the Scottish average (1,364 pupils). [Table 4]

### **School leaver destinations**

- In Aberdeen 67% of the 18 looked after children, who left school during 2011/12 were in a positive destination at the time of the follow up destination survey; this was the same nationally. [Table 5]
- The percentage of all 1,802 Aberdeen City school leavers who were in a positive destination at the time of the follow up destination survey was 89.3%. [Table 6]

### **Please note the following:**

- The data on attainment and leaver destinations refers only to the leavers that were looked after continuously throughout the 2011/12 academic year.
- Caution should be used when comparing data across the comparator authorities group. Aberdeen City has very few Education Authorities that would be classified as '*very close/similar*'. In addition, each comparator authority varies greatly in population, density, characteristics, data collection methodologies and has significantly different numbers of looked after children.
- The Initial School Leaver Destination Survey (SLDR) is carried out by SDS during September/October. The follow up survey is carried out approximately six months later to establish how many school leavers have remained in a positive destination over this time.

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<sup>1</sup> Local data on school leaver tariff scores for looked after children by age is not available

## Data Presentation:

### *Tariff Scores*

**Table 1: Average tariff scores for looked after children who left school during and were looked after continuously throughout 2011/2012**

	Number of looked after children the results are based on	Average tariff score of those pupils
<b>Aberdeen City</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>86</b>
Argyll & Bute	*	*
Dundee City	7	98
Edinburgh City	35	88
Renfrewshire	24	79
South Ayrshire	5	171
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>106</b>

**Note:** information relates to children or young people, who were looked after continuously during the 12 month period, are of school leaving age and left school during or at the end of the school year.

**Table 2: Average tariff scores for all school leavers and looked after children who left school during and were looked after continuously throughout 2011/12**

	Scotland		Aberdeen City	
	Number of pupils	Average Tariff Score	Number of pupils	Average Tariff Score
All school leavers	50,665	406	1,942	334
Looked after children	388	106	17	86

**Note:** Aberdeen city results for all school leavers were taken from the Scottish Government's School Leaver Attainment and SQA Attainment, Supplementary Data publication 2012

**Table 3: Average tariff scores for all school pupils and looked after children, by age 2011/12**

Age at 30th June	All school leavers	Looked After Children
16 & under	149	63
17	489	255
18 & over	556	310
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>106</b>

**Table 4: Cumulative average tariff score of looked after pupils 2009-12**

Local Authority	Number of Pupils			Total	Tariff Score
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12		
<b>Aberdeen City</b>	17	21	17	55	88
Argyle & Bute	*	*	*	15	58
Dundee City	12	8	7	27	82
Edinburgh City	40	40	35	115	83
Renfrewshire	31	30	24	85	69
South Ayrshire	10	18	5	25	88
<b>Scotland</b>	*	*	*	1364	88

### ***School leaver destinations***

**Table 5: Percentage of school leavers by initial and follow-up destination, for all looked after children, by local authority responsible for the looked after child 2011/12**

	Number of looked after children results are based on	% in a positive destination at initial survey	Number of looked after children results are based on	% in a positive destination at follow-up survey
<b>Aberdeen City</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>67</b>
Argyll & Bute	*	100	*	100
Dundee City	7	100	7	29
Edinburgh, City of	35	69	35	60
Renfrewshire	24	46	24	46
South Ayrshire	5	100	5	80
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>67%</b>

**Note** Results are based on those LAC children who could be linked to the SDS destination surveys using their Scottish Candidate Number (SCN). Some results are based on small numbers, so care must be taken when looking at changes over time.

**Table 6: Number of all school leavers and those looked after by Aberdeen City by initial and follow-up destination 2011/12.**

	Scotland		Aberdeen City	
	Initial	Follow Up	Initial	Follow Up
<b>All school leavers</b>	<b>50,885</b>	<b>50,668</b>	<b>1,818</b>	<b>1,802</b>
	88.9%	87.2%	85.6%	87.5%
<b>Looked after children</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>
	75%	67%	67%	67%

**Note:** SDS' Community Planning Partnership Report for Aberdeen City Council (June 2012).

## **Definitions**

### ***Tariff Score***

The Unified Points Score Scale is an extended version of the Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS) Scottish Tariff points system. The tariff score of a pupil is calculated by simply adding together all the tariff points accumulated from all the different course levels and awards he/she attains.

### ***School leaver destination***

A school leaver is classed as a young person of school leaving age who left school during or at the end of the school year, where the school year is taken to run from 1 August to 31 July.

A positive destination includes higher education, further education, training, voluntary work and employment.

