



updates

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- Covid 19.
- General rise in numbers , led by variants of Omicron.
- Impact re. low number of vaccine uptake in the spring and waning of community immunity.
- Flu/C19 vaccination / booster to start 11th September- brought forward.
- Taking a living with Covid approach?



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- Updated Ofsted guidance re. LA inspections

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-local-authority-childrens-services-from-2018/inspecting-local-authority-childrens-services>

- Minor updates re. Sarah's Law applications

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/find-out-if-a-person-has-a-record-for-child-sexual-offences>

- Updates to use of unregulated placements /Dols

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-warns-against-use-of-unregistered-childrens-homes>

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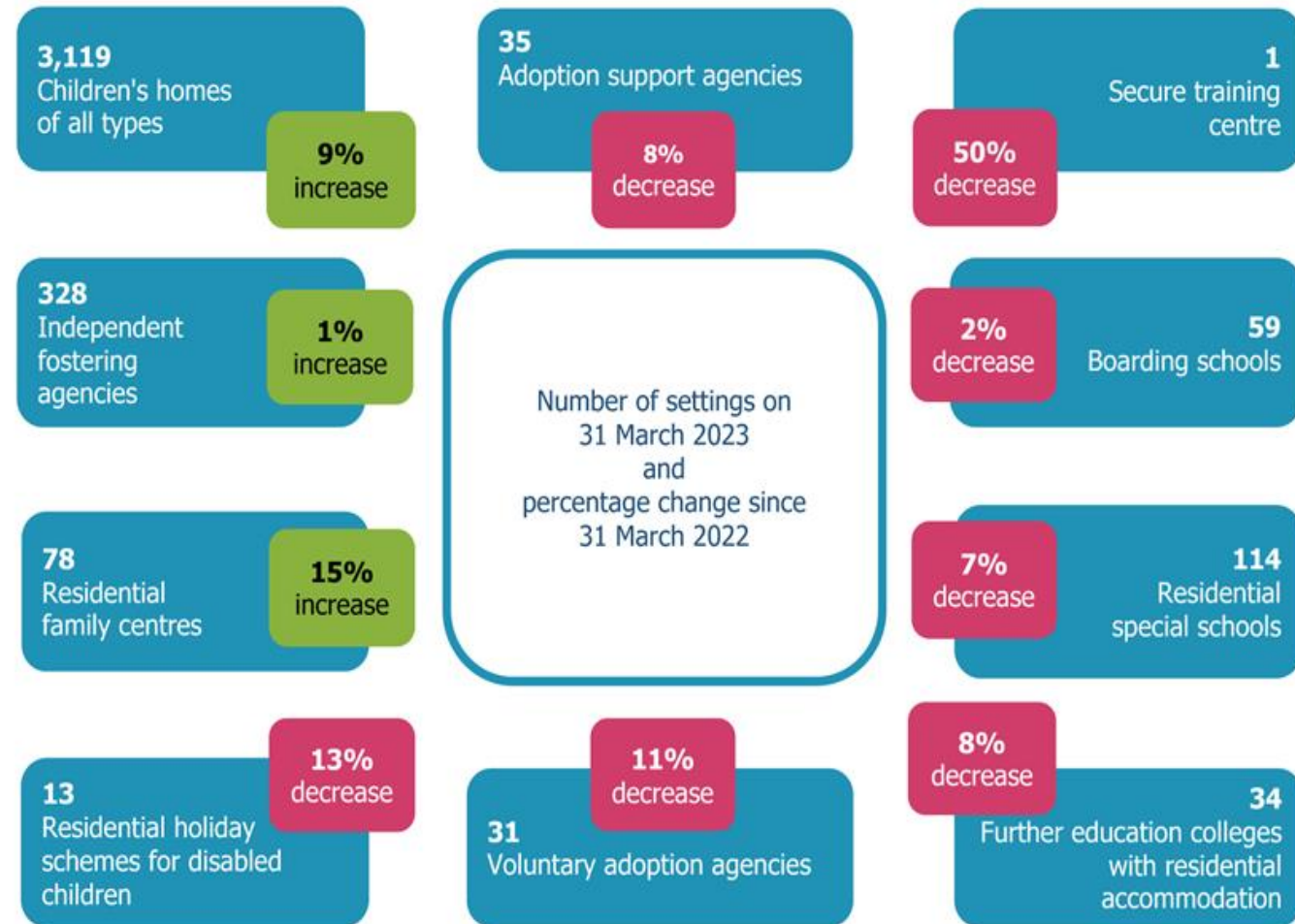
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/placing-children-deprivation-of-liberty-orders>
 - Guidance for commissioners and to be read with Family Court guidance



Ofsted- social care report(including ILACs)

- Out of the nearly 12 million children living in England, just over 400,000 (3%) are in the social care system at any one time. Just over 82,000 of these children are children in care.
- As at 31 March 2023, there were 3,812 children's social care providers. This is a 7% increase compared with 31 March 2022, when there were 3,576 providers. This is a similar increase to previous years. As in previous years, the reason for this increase can be attributed largely to the increase in children's homes: a 9% increase in settings (246) and a 5% increase in places (630). Residential family centres represent a much smaller proportion of social care providers and places overall but saw a large proportional increase compared with last year, with a 15% increase in settings (10) and a 20% increase in potential capacity (73).

31.3.23- settings by provider type



Ofsted social care report

- **Children's home providers and places as at 31 March 2023**
- There were 2,880 children's homes as at 31 March 2023, a 9% increase (238 homes) from the previous year (2,642). These 2,880 homes were registered for 10,818 places, a 7% increase from 10,113 at 31 March 2022. Both the number of homes and places had a faster rate of growth this year than the rate in 2022, when the number of homes grew by 7% and places by 4%. This was accounted for by 365 homes opening and 116 homes closing



Table 3: The number of children’s homes and the number of places as at 31 March 2023, by region

Region	Number of children's homes	Percentage of children's homes	Number of children's home places	Percentage of children's home places
North West	746	26%	2,458	23%
West Midlands	475	16%	1,672	15%
North East, Yorkshire and the Humber	430	15%	1,612	15%
East Midlands	331	11%	1,218	11%
South East	303	11%	1,461	13%
East of England	230	8%	1,010	9%
South West	201	7%	600	6%
London	164	6%	787	7%
England	2,880	100%	10,818	100%

Any inspection or other feedback ?

- Thoughts / reflections?

