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During Lord Laming's Private Notice Question on Monday 4 October you asked me whether recent media reports that cared for children aged 16 and over are being placed in accommodation with young offenders are accurate, and exactly what the numbers are.

On 31 March 2018 there were 17,330 looked after children aged 16 and over. For all looked after children, 73% were in foster placements, 11% in secure units, children homes and semi-independent living arrangements, 6% with parents, 4% in other placements in the community, 3% placed for adoption and 3% in other settings. We do not hold data that breaks down the age of children in different types of placement, or that records any criminal convictions that other young people resident in the same setting may have.

I hope this answer has been useful and will place a copy in both house libraries.

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