**Data notes**

**SSDA903 = no api**

* Outcomes for children in care
  + – underlying has LA from before 2013 and after 2016. In the middle we have to use the excel sheets
  + school exclusions only recorded to 2012 in the LA\_2013 excel files
    - honestly wtf
      * ah okay, same for next year – must take longer to process
  + Ks4 measures change in 2014 – sounds like crack down on vocational exams counting towards GCSE grading.
    - Then changes in 2016 again – English requires either lit or lang not both
  + 2013,14,15,16 – raw data not available at LA level, just excel sheets with percentages
    - We will have to multiply percentages to get raw numbers and this will not be 100% accurate (could end up with 33.2 children e.g.)
  + KS1 just wiped out after 2016? Probably not but no longer reported? Or just missing from interactive table creator?
    - Available nationally but not by LA…
  + Some time periods are academic year, some are 31st march
    - Does this matter? Don’t think so really?
  + KS2 labels changes from achieving ‘level 4’ to achieving ‘expected standard’… not sure what that means
    - And changes from english to reading and writing in 2014
  + Development checks start off 5 and under, move to under 5
  + When DfE thinks that 75 out of 100 pupils == 74%
    - Sooooo close! Keep trying tho…
    - A screenshot of a computer

      Description automatically generated
  + Labels for SEN statements change from ‘SEN statement’ to ‘SEN statement or healthcare plan’ in 2015 – dunno if this changes the measure substantially or not
* Characteristics
  + Percentages need to be calculated for adopted and missing cos denominator not included in data
  + Legal statuses change in 2018 –
    - police protection before 2018, emergency protection after – internet says its different so I didn’t merge
    - no sentenced to youth rehab before 2018
    - no supervision order after 2018
  + in 2015 DfE forgot to update the CLA\_started2014 label to CLA\_started2015….
    - But values are different so will just assume they didn’t click and change the column name
  + In 2018 Freed for adoption leaves characteristics (I think – needs checking in other data)
    - Okay but this literally no one so chill
  + Reason for change of placement was ‘experimental statistics before 2017
    - So I excluded it for now??? Vibes???
  + In 2014 there was a measure for: CLA\_Moth: Children looked after at 31 March 2014 who are mothers
  + Missing data starts properly in 2015 – before then just number missing on 31st of March but this is always zero at the la level and discontinued after 2018 anywayyyyy
  + Stability is a mess too – 2014 reports number of children with 1 vs 2 vs 3 (not 3 and more!!! Ffs lads). Number of children looked after in same place for 2 yrs is there but no feckin’ denominator --- brilliant well done to the cunts in charge
  + Ceased has two adoption options before 2018, will combine them probably some missing values because of this thooooo
    - Same with special guardianship orders
  + Pretty sure the 2014 value for ceased aged 16 is WRONG
    - There are two values – one for ‘aged 16’ and one for ‘aged 16 and over’ but for all LAs they are the same
    - For fuck sake DfE stands for Department for Endless shite data practices
  + Former care leavers changes in 2016 onwards to include data on 17+18 year olds.
    - Before 2014 it was only 19 yr olds (ie. Not 19-21) so can’t be merged to current values