

December 2013 Report on Common and Shared Assessment (CASA) in Merton

(CAF replaced by CASA – Common and Shared Assessment – from April 2013 in Merton)

(This report is supported by set of [Appendices](#) also available on the CASA (formerly CAF) News webpage showing Merton-wide universal service provision and population demographics to help put CAF/CASA stats in context)

A full breakdown on stats provided within this report, from service area through to practitioner details, is available on request for internal follow-through within own service areas.

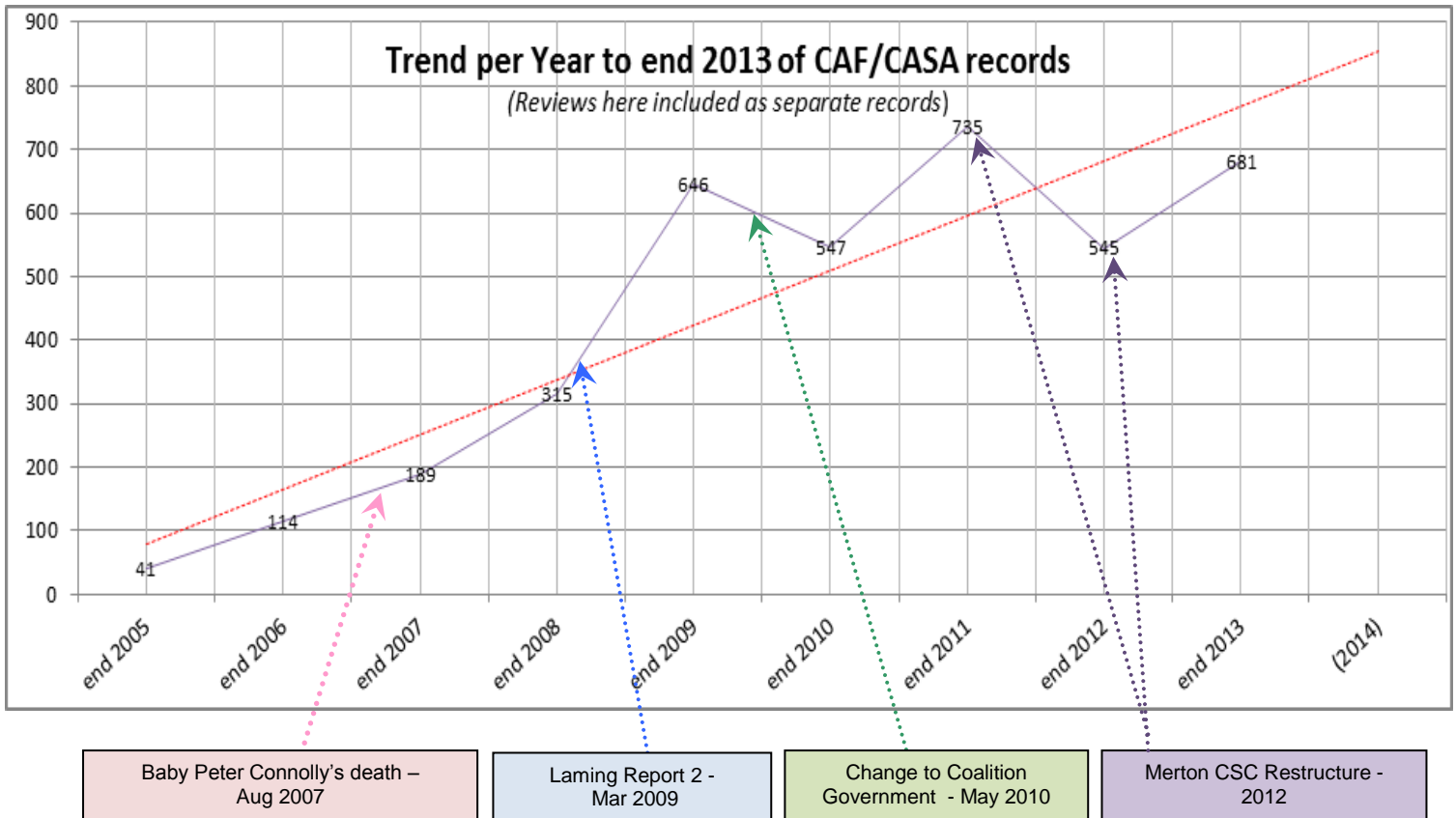
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1. Merton CAF/CASA Trends – numbers of CAF/CASAs (incl Reviews) 2005 to 2013

(with red trend-line for reference)

Chart 1 - Trends



Years	Common Assessment Framework (CAF)									Common and Shared Assessment (CASA)			
	Pre 2009	2009	2010	2011	Jan-Mar 2012	Apr-Jun 2012	Jul-Sep 2012	Oct-Dec 2012	Jan-Mar 2013	Apr-Jun 2013/14	Jul-Sep 2013/14	Oct-Dec 2013/14	Jan-Mar 2013/14
Number of Records	659	646	547	735	199	161	87	98	79	168	291	144	

2. CAF/CASA Implementation in Merton

Some significant findings from the tables and charts provided are outlined below:

- **603 CASA Records** copied to central CASA Team Apr-Dec 2013, which includes initial CASA record and/or any on-going CAF/CASA Review records (*Table 1/Chart 1 above; and Table 4: these also include summary annual CAF activity from 2005*)
- Breakdown on Services leading on these CASAs (*Table 2/Chart 2*) show highest activity within the Early Years service, for whom the CASA has become the universal tool for Early Help assessment and support provision. Also Special Education Needs and Disability Integrated Services continue to use CASA as they did CAF when coordinating multi-agency support for families.
- *Table 3, which compares quarterly CAF 2012 activity with that of CASA 2013*, shows some increase in Community Health usage of CASA vs former CAF, while for schools the reverse is the case. This latter in part reflects use of Single Assessment for more complex Enhanced Service responses. While Schools Network Meetings with VCT and partner agencies monitor activity pre-CASA, there is to be a renewed drive towards use of CASA to support and empower families as full TAC/F members when working with partner agencies towards improving outcomes for families.
- **Fuller breakdown of Services showing Teams/Schools leading is available separately on request.**
- These CASA records reflect **120 different lead practitioners** working with a total of **444 different children**: the demographic profile of these children is outlined in *tables/charts in Section 3* later.
- At the time of recording, 310 of these 603 records were **one-off initial CASAs for 310 children**.
- The remaining 134 children have various follow-up Review records as outlined in *Table 4*.

Services leading on CASA/Reviews Per Quarter	2013 (603 records, which may include initial CASA and/or on-going CAF/CASA Reviews)			
	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Grand Total
01 - MCSF - Children's SC - Family Support		3		3
01 - MCSF - Children's SC - Special Educational Needs and Disability (SENDIS)	22	30	19	71
02 - MCSF - Educ - Schools – (Primary, Secondary & Special)	37	24	25	86
03 - MCSF - Educ - Soc Incl - SEN	1	4		5
03 - MCSF - Educ - Soc Incl - Other	4	3	1	8
05 - MCSF - Youth Justice Service			1	1
07 - Voluntary - Community - Faith Groups	4	6	2	12
08 - Independent Services		1		1
08 - Independent Services - EY	4	3	4	11
09 - MCSF - Early Years & Childcare (<i>Maintained by x3 schools to end 2013</i>)	33	75	38	146
09 - MCSF - Early Years & Childcare (<i>LA Maintained</i>)	35	85	34	154
10 - H - NHS - Community Health	16	29	6	51
11 - H - NHS - Acute Services		6	3	9
12 - H - NHS - CAMHS	5	7	1	13
13 - H - NHS - Adult MH	4	13	8	25
16 - Other Boroughs	3	2	2	7
Grand Total	168	291	144	603

Chart 2

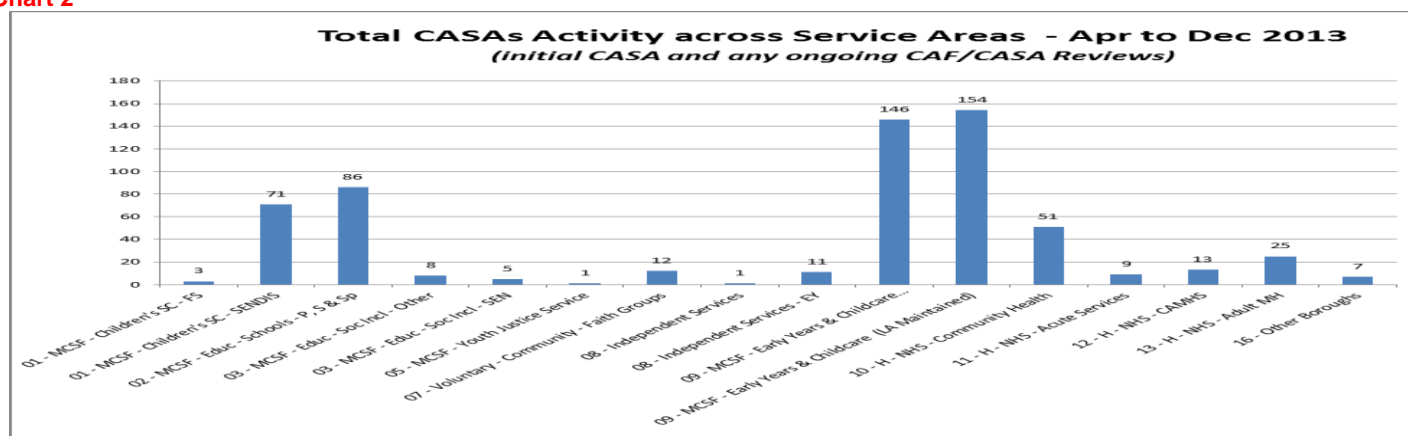


Table 3		Comparison CAF and CASA Activity per quarter over two years: CAFs through 2012/13 versus CASAs 2013/14							
Service Areas	LP 2012/13 Q1 (Apr - Jun) CAF	LP 2012/13 Q2 (Jul - Sept) CAF	LP 2012/13 Q3 (Oct - Dec) CAF	LP 2012/13 Q4 (Jan - Mar) CAF	LP 2013/14 Q1 (Apr - Jun) CAF/CASA	LP 2013/14 Q2 (Jul - Sept) CAF/CASA	LP 2013/14 Q3 (Oct - Dec) CAF/CASA	LP 2013/14 Q4 (Jan - Mar) CAF/CASA	
	01 – Merton CSF - Children's SC – SEND Integrated Services	10	3	5	2	22	30	19	
01 – Merton CSF - Children's SC – Family Support , VCT and Other	8	4	5	4		3			
02 – Merton CSF - Educ – Schools – Primary, Secondary, Special	71	33	53	41	37	24	25		
03 – Merton CSF - Educ – Social Inclusion - SEN / other	2	1		1	5	7	1		
05/06 – Merton CSF - Youth Justice Service / Youth Services	1						1		
07 – Vol - Community - Faith Groups*	12	4	4	5	4	6	2		
08 – Independent Services	1					1			
08 – Independent Services – Early Years					4	3	4		
09 – Merton CSF - Early Years & Childcare – Sch Maintained to end 2013					33	75	38		
09 – Merton CSF - Early Years & Childcare – LA Maintained	21	28	5	6	35	85	34		
10 – Health - NHS - S&M Community	11	6	9	13	16	29	6		
11 – Health - NHS - Acute Trusts	8	1	2	1		6	3		
12 – Health - NHS - CAMHS	4	4			5	7	1		
13 – Health - NHS - Adult MH	5	4	5	2	4	13	8		
16 – Other Boroughs	3	2	3	1	3	2	2		
Grand Total	157	89	101	76	168	291	144		

* Archway Trust; CAB; Commonsense Trust; Crossroads; Face Youth; HomeStart Merton; JACE Programme; Jigsaw4U; Kids Company; KMEBP; Life Project; Merton Refuge; Merton Sea Cadets; Merton Young Carers; North East Mitcham Com Assoc; NotSchool.net; Phoenix Project; Rise Education; St Marks Family Centre; Sutton & District Training; Victim Support; Welcare; Wimbledon Guild of Social Welfare; Womens Aid

Table 4

Number of CASA Records		per child
1	(one off CASA record)	310
2	(incl one Review 2013)	65
3	(incl two Reviews 2013)	22
4	(incl three Reviews 2013)	4
5	(incl four Reviews 2013)	2
1+(1)	(incl one CAF record pre CASA 2013)	1
1+(2)	(incl two CAF/Reviews pre CASA 2013)	14
1+(3)	(incl three CAF/Reviews pre CASA 2013)	8
1+(4)	(incl four CAF/Reviews pre CASA 2013)	3
1+(5)	(incl five CAF/Reviews pre CASA 2013)	2
1+(7)	(incl seven CAF/Reviews pre CASA 2013)	1
2+(1)	(incl CASA/Review and one CAF/Review pre CASA 2013)	4
2+(2)	(incl 2 CASA/Reviews and two CAF/Review pre CASA 2013)	2
3+(1)	(incl 3 CASA Review and one CAF/Review pre CASA 2013)	5
4+(1)	(incl 4 CASA Review and one CAF/Review pre CASA 2013)	1
Grand Total		444

3. CAF/CASATraining:

Over **2000** practitioners across all Merton services who work with, or have some contact with, children have undertaken CAF/CASA-related training. Over **1100** of those have completed the core modules on *Using the CAF/CASA*, while another **700+** have had similar incorporated within Early Years Training Programme. Some further **700** places were taken up on the *Engaging with Parents, Holistic Assessment Skills, and Identification of Additional Needs* modules: these dedicated sessions, introducing focused skills and techniques, were commissioned in response to feedback and demand to support and complement CAF/CASA Training. Further detail from flyers on www.merton.gov.uk/casa-training.

CASA Training is now administered and managed by the Merton Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB) Multi-Agency Training Service: further information / on-line booking from www.merton.gov.uk/lscbtraining

CASA and *Merton Child and Young Person Well Being Model (MWBM) 2013* are incorporated as integral components of **Children's Workforce Induction** quarterly sessions– which has introduced almost **600** practitioners since 2009 to Merton's multi-agency model while they were yet new to Merton.

Together with **Epsom and St Helier Midwifery Department**, some 15 training sessions on CAF/CASA as an Early Help tool was delivered throughout 2013 **jointly with Merton, Sutton and Surrey** to approximately **200** Health colleagues. As well as over 125 midwives (community, delivery suite, post natal ward midwives) and Maternity assistants, delegates also included A&E nurses, community nurses, play specialists, trainee GPs, paediatric registrar, consultant obstetrician, consultant anaesthetists.

Table 5 as suite - summarising CAF/CASA related Training

All CAF/CASA attendees by Service Area to end Dec 2013

CAF/CASA Training Session Totals	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	7 workshops	9 workshops	8 workshops	5 workshop	4 workshop
	avg 15 attendees	avg 21 attendees	avg 17 attendees	avg 18 attendees	avg 17 attendees

Delegates attending CAF/CASA Training by Service Area	Pre 2009	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Grand Total
01 - MCSF - Children's SC - Family Support	20	5	1			2	28
01 - MCSF - Children's SC - SENDIS			1	4		3	8
01 - MCSF - Children's SC - VCT	5	4	2	2	1	2	16
01 - MCSF - Children's SC - Other	76	7	27	6	1	5	122
02 - MCSF - Educ - Schools	81	42	67	27	31	13	261
03 - MCSF - Educ - Soc Incl - SEN	30	1	6	7	3		47
03 - MCSF - Educ - Soc Incl - other	23	2	2	2	3	3	35
05 - MCSF - Youth Justice Service	15	3	1	3	1		23
06 - MCSF - Youth Services	55	4	3	1	1		64
07 - Voluntary - Community - Faith Groups	52	10	11	13	5	13	104
08 - Independent Services					1		1
09 - MCSF - Early Years & Childcare	70	7	17	16	28	14	152
10 - H - NHS - S&M Community Services	71	9	29	16	9	7	141
11 - H - NHS Acute Trusts	2					1	3
12 - H - CAMHS	11	5	8	7			31
13 - H - Adult MH	2	1	7	12	7	3	32
14 - Merton Community & Housing	1	5	8	18			32
15 - Merton Environment & Regeneration	18		3				21
Grand Total	532	105	193	134	91	66	1121

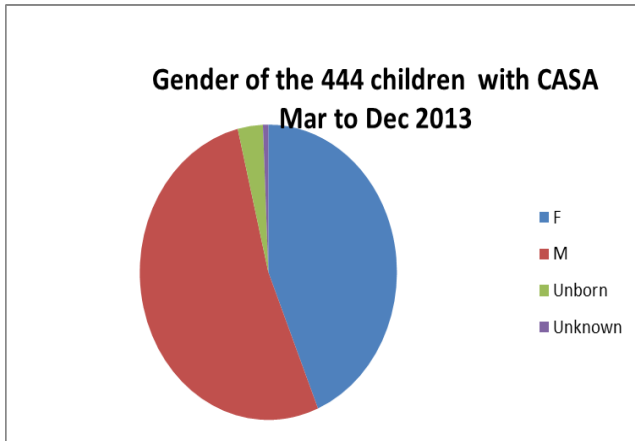
(Breakdown per Service Area on supportive modules below can be provided on request.)

Further commissioned modules supporting quality of CAF/CASA implementation	Pre 2009	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Grand Total
Holistic Assessment Skills	16	89	53	55	33	27	273
Effective Engagement with Families	17	92	59	38	27	48	281
Identifying Need – Merton Additional Needs Indicators			31	43	15	23	112
Grand Total	33	181	143	136	75	98	666

4. Child and Young Person Demographics (Office National Statistics (ONS) data from 2011 Census provides Merton projected breakdown for ethnicity, age and gender in what follows)

Gender: where known, approx **54.6% males** and **45.4% females** have had CASA undertaken since Apr 2013 – 2.6% deviation from what would be expected from **ONS 2011 Census projection of 52% male versus 48% female** for Merton’s child population ratio. This is a further widening of the disparity shown in CAF activity from 2009, which averaged at 53% male, 47% female.

Chart 3



Gender	Per Child	%	% M/F of 427 children where gender known
Female	194	43.7%	45.4%
Male	233	52.5%	54.6%
Unborn	14	3.2%	
Unknown	3	0.7%	
Grand Total	444	100%	100%

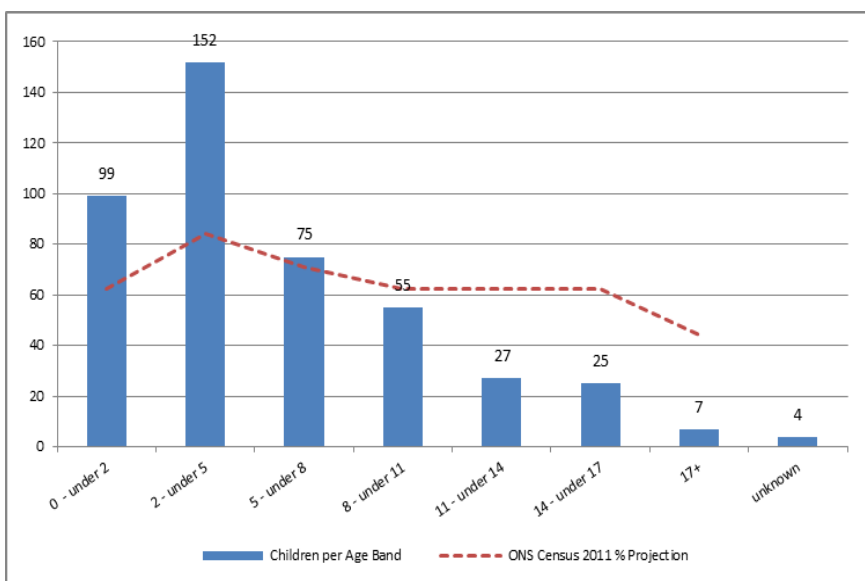
Age:

% per age band	Early Years		Primary School Age		Secondary School Age		EET*
	Conception – under 2	2 – under 5	5 – under 8	8 – under 11	11 – under 14	14 – under 17	
Merton CAFs	22%	34%	17%	12%	6%	6%	2%
ONS Census 2011	14%	19%	16%	14%	14%	14%	10%

* in Education Employment or Training

There are significantly higher numbers of CASAs for the under five’s and consistently lower numbers for those over eleven year than *ONS Census 2011* stats would predict for Merton, as per table above. See comments Section 2.

Chart 4 CASAs Apr to Dec 2013 for 444 children in 3-yr Age Bands (with relative ONS % Projection for Merton in red)



CASAs Apr-Dec 2013 3-Yr Age Bands	Children per Age Band	% per age band
0 - under 2	99	22%
2 - under 5	152	34%
5 - under 8	75	17%
8 - under 11	55	12%
11 - under 14	27	6%
14 - under 17	25	6%
17+	7	2%
unknown	4	1%
Grand Total	444	100%

Ethnicity

The proportion of CASAs for **white** young people falls increasingly below what would be predicted for Merton at **41.4%** versus **64.9% ONS Census 2011 projections** – a considerable widening of the 17% gap for CAFs in 2012.

The proportion also seems particularly low for **Asian Indian** population at **less than 1%** compared to projection of **over 4% ONS**, though this may be masked by a higher proportion of CASA activity for **Other Asians** at **over 12%** compared to just under **8% ONS** projection, and **Mixed Asians** **3.5%** vs **1.5% ONS**.

CASAs for young people from **Black African** backgrounds, on the other hand, remain particularly high at **15.1%** compared with **5.2% ONS 2011 projection** – retaining similar 10% gap of CAFs through 2009-2012

Chart 5 Ethnicity of 444bchildren who had CASAs Apr to Dec 2013 (with relative ONS % Projection for Merton in red)

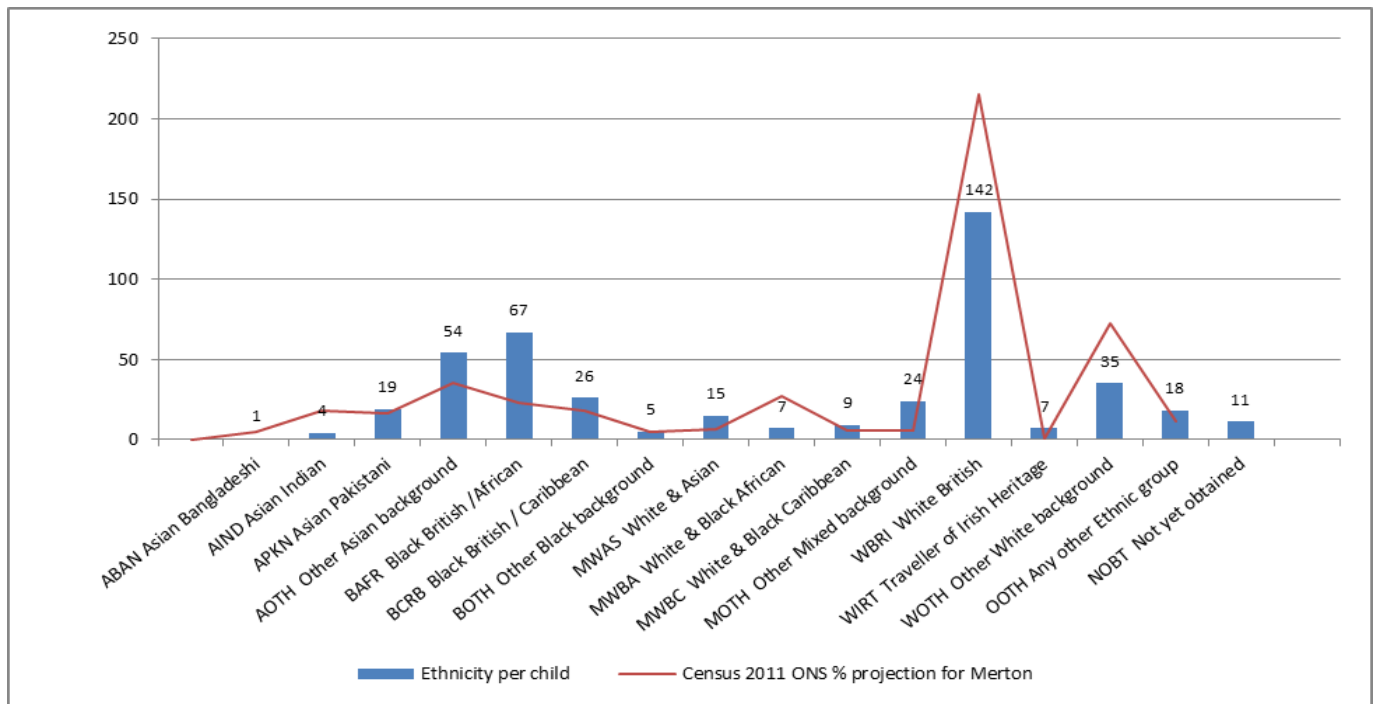


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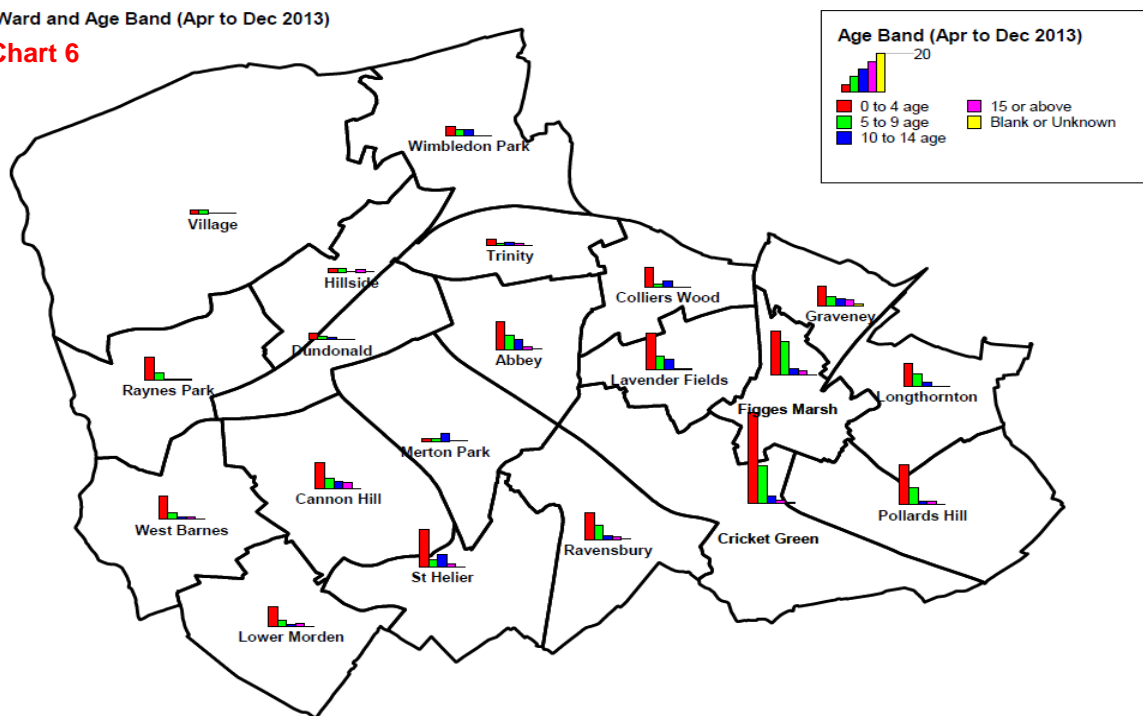
CASA Episode PER CHILD (initial CASA and any subsequent reviews included per child) Apr to Dec 2013	per Number of children	% Merton CASA per Ethnicity Band	Census 2011 ONS % Ethnicity projections for Merton
Ethnicity			
ABAN Asian Bangladeshi	1	0.23%	1.10%
AIND Asian Indian	4	0.90%	4.10%
APKN Asian Pakistani	19	4.28%	3.70%
AOTH Other Asian background	54	12.16%	7.90%
BAFR Black British /African	67	15.09%	5.20%
BCRB Black British / Caribbean	26	5.86%	4.10%
BOTH Other Black background	5	1.13%	1.10%
MWAS White & Asian	15	3.38%	1.40%
MWBA White & Black African	7	1.58%	0.60%
MWBC White & Black Caribbean	9	2.03%	1.30%
MOTH Other Mixed background	24	5.41%	1.30%
WBRI White British	142	31.98%	48.40%
WIRT Traveller of Irish Heritage	7	1.58%	0.10%
WOTH Other White background	35	7.88%	16.40%
OOTH Any other Ethnic group	18	4.05%	2.50%
NOBT Not yet obtained	11	2.48%	
Grand Total	444	100.00%	99.3%

Locality:

While the greatest number of CASAs continue to be generated in Cricket Green, Figges Marsh, Lavender Fields, Pollards Hill wards, consistent with East Merton regeneration area demographics, the majority of these being in the 0-9 age ranges masks significantly low CASA interventions for young people aged 15 or over.

CAF's by Ward and Age Band (Apr to Dec 2013)

Chart 6



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Table 10

**CASA Episode (includes any reviews) PER CHILD
Mar-Dec 2013**

Age Band per WARD	00-04	05-09	10-14	15+	Grand Total
ABBEY	14	7	5	1	27
CANNON HILL	13	5	4	3	25
COLLIERS WOOD	10	2	3		15
CRICKET GREEN	45	19	4	1	69
DUNDONALD	3	2	1		6
FIGGE'S MARSH	27	18	3	2	50
GRAVENEY	10	5	4	3	22
HILLSIDE	2	2		1	5
LAVENDER FIELDS	19	8	7		34
LONGTHORNTON	12	6	2		20
LOWER MORDEN	11	3	1	2	17
MERTON PARK	1	1	4		6
POLLARDS HILL	20	9	2	2	33
RAVENSBURO	15	8	2	1	26
RAYNES PARK	11	4			15
ST. HELIER	19	4	6	2	31
TRINITY	3	1	3	1	8
VILLAGE	2	2			4
WEST BARNES	12	3	1	1	17
WIMBLEDON PARK	5	3	2		10
ZZ - LB Lewisham	1			1	2
#N/A	2				2
Grand Total	257	112	55	21	444