

Millions of children go without essential items

CHILDREN WHO GO WITHOUT A NECESSITY DUE TO LACK OF MONEY



What does this mean?

Millions of children do without the basics of life every day even in wealthy Britain. **Over one million - 9% of all children - don't even have one item of basic clothing such as a warm winter coat, or new, properly fitting shoes.** That is the same number as the entire population of Birmingham. **Around 2.5 million children live in homes that are damp and 1.5 million live in households that cannot afford to heat their home.** A quarter of all children never get a week's holiday away from home a year because their family can't afford it.

Explaining the data

This data comes from a recent study by the Poverty and Social Exclusion research project, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council. The largest ever study of poverty conducted in the UK, it identifies people falling below what the public agrees is a minimum standard of living. It shows that over 30 million people (almost half the population) are suffering to some degree from financial insecurity. the full report can be found at http://www.poverty.ac.uk/sites/default/files/attachments/The_Impoverishment_of_the_UK_PSE_UK_first_results_summary_report_March_28.pdf