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Request:

Would you kindly be able to tell me the following:

1.a. How many children became looked-after in your local authority in 2016? Between 01/01/2016 and 31/12/2016 there were 151 children and young people who Became Looked After

1.b. Of the children from 1.a. how many were in a group of siblings of two or more? **Of these 82 form part of sibling group of 2 or more**

1.c. How many of the above children were initially placed in Kinship Care/Family and Friends care/Connected Persons care in 2016? Of the 151 Looked After Children, 36 were placed with family/friend foster carers

2. How many looked-after children are currently placed following care proceedings:

a. With long-term local authority foster carers 37

b. In kinship care foster placements

As at 12/12/2017 there are 282 Looked After Children, 20 whom are placed with family/friend foster carers

3.a. How many applications to be a kinship carer did you receive in 2016 in respect of children subject to Care Proceedings? **61**

3.b. Of the above (3.a.), how many applications were the subject of Viability Assessments? 29

3.c. Of the applications subject of Viability Assessments in 2016, how many were successful and how many were unsuccessful? **Successful = 13, Unsuccessful = 16**

4. How many prospective Kinship Carers failed to be approved as family and friends Carers after a full assessment in 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively? 2014 = 4, 2015 = 7, 2016 = 4

5. How many children in your local authority in 2016 have been made the subject of a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) following Care Proceedings? 2014 = 24, 2015 = 31, 2016 = 48

6. How many foster carers in your local authority are currently prepared for and approved to be long-term foster carers of sibling groups of:

a) 2 = 10 b) 3 or more = 2

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