

Reference: RFI 1711108

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**