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Request:

This is a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, for information held by your local authority.

1. How many looked after children are in the care of your local authority as of 1st April of the following years:

- a) 2016 290
- b) 2017 295
- c) And as of 20th February 2018 291

2. How many sibling groups were in the care of your local authority as of 1st April of the following years:

- a) 2016 62
- b) 2017 64
- c) And as of 20th February 2018 59

3. For the answer to Q2a-c, how many are sibling groups comprising:

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|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------------|
| a) 2 children | 2016: 43 | 2017: 43 | 20/02/2018: 38 |
| b) 3 children | 2016: 9 | 2017: 11 | 20/02/2018: 10 |
| c) 4 children | 2016: 7 | 2017: 6 | 20/02/2018: 6 |
| d) More than 4 children | 2016: 3 | 2017: 4 | 20/02/2018: 5 |

3. How many sibling groups identified in the answers to Q2a-c were all placed together as of 1st April of the following years:

- a) 2016 2016: 21
- b) 2017 2017: 23
- c) And as of 20th February 2018: 23

4. For the answers to Q3a-c, how many are:

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|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------------|
| a) in unrelated foster care | 2016: 8 | 2017: 8 | 20/02/2018: 6 |
| b) in kinship foster care | 2016: 11 | 2017: 14 | 20/02/2018: 17 |
| c) in residential care | 2016: 0 | 2017: 1 | 20/02/2018: 0 |
| d) placed for adoption? | 2016: 2 | 2017: 0 | 20/02/2018: 0 |

5. How many children in your care, who are part of a sibling group, were not living with at least one of those siblings as of 1st April of the following years:

- a) 2016 113
- b) 2017 119
- c) And as of 20th February 2018 104

6. For the answers to Q5a-c how many were:

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|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------------|
| a) in unrelated foster care | 2016: 52 | 2017: 57 | 20/02/2018: 53 |
| b) in kinship foster care | 2016: 48 | 2017: 40 | 20/02/2018: 40 |
| c) in residential care | 2016: 13 | 2017: 15 | 20/02/2018: 11 |
| d) placed for adoption? | 2016: 0 | 2017: 7 | 20/02/2018: 0 |

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7. Please state the number of looked after children in your care being raised by a connected person as of 1st April of the following years:

- a) 2016 61
- b) 2017 62
- c) As of 20th February 2018 81

8. For the answers to Q7a-c how many are fostered by an older sibling? 4

9. Please provide any current local policies and guidance on the placement of siblings within the looked after system.

We do not have a specific policy as all of our care planning is child specific. We value all family relationships and plan accordingly.

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