

Ofsted Dataset - Summary Report – 2019/20

Fostering Households report (13 May 2020)

H1. Number of households and places at 31 March (and trend)

Collection year	Number of households	Number of places
2018	137	251
2019	124	236
2020	141	267

Andrew Note: 141 carers is a 3-year high, along with the number of places available to children/young people.

H2. Number of households by primary care type offer (and trend)

Collection year	Primary care type offer	Households number
2018	Long-Term	37
2018	Short-Term	81
2018	Connected Persons	16
2018	Fostering to Adopt	3
2019	Long-Term	31
2019	Short-Term	76
2019	Connected Persons	17
2020	Long-Term	21
2020	Short-Term	74
2020	Connected Person's	27
2020	Foster to Adopt	1
2020	Respite	18

Andrew Note: The number of Fully Approved Connected Carers continue to increase year-on-year. 52% of all carers provide short-term placements.

H3. Number of households approved in the year (and trend)

Collection year	Primary care type offer	Households number
2018	Long-Term	4
2018	Short-Term	10
2018	Connected Persons	16
2018	Fostering to Adopt	1
2019	Long-Term	1
2019	Short-Term	5
2019	Connected Persons	5
2020	Long-Term	1
2020	Short-Term	17
2020	Connected Person's	19
2020	Foster to Adopt	2
2020	Respite	2

Andrew Note: 2020 resulted in our best ever recruitment year with 41 newly approved carers during the year, broken down as 22 Mainstream and 19 Connect Persons carers. This is a vast improvement from 2018/19 when it was 6 Mainstream and 6 Connected Persons carers.

H4. Number of households de-registered in the year (and trend)

Collection year	Households number
2018	18
2019	11
2020	24

Andrew Note: Although 24 de-registrations is high; we did have numerous cases that were on-hold with no placements, which were finally de-registered following a data-cleansing process at the beginning of the reporting period.

H5. Number of carers at 31st March by ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number of carers
Any Other Ethnicity	3
Asian Other	7
Asian Pakistan	3
Mixed White and Asian	3
White British	220
White Other	5

Andrew Note: The numbers here are for individual carers and not Households. White British carers make up the vast majority of ethnic backgrounds at 93%, with carers from an Asian background standing at only 5%.

H6. Number of carers at 31st March by training status

TSD Status	Number of carers
Training in Progress	68
Workbook Completed	173

Andrew Note: Breakdown

Workbook Completed 173 = 101 Households.

Mainstream Carer Households = 93

Connected Carer Households = 8

Training in Progress 68 = 40 Households.

Mainstream Carer Households = 21

Connected Carer Households = 19

H8. Placement use at 31st March

Number of Children	Number of vacant places	Number of not available places	Number of places used for SB care
163	15	54	35

H9. Number of not available places at 31st March by reason

Not available reason	Number of not available places
Carer(s) taking a break/pending resignation	19 (11 Households)
Needs of child currently in placement (not otherwise stated)	26 (20 Households)
Only available if sibling group placed	6 (5 Households)
Used by CYP Staying Put after turning 18	3 (2 Households)
Total	54 (38 Households)

H10. Applications in the year by status

Application Status	Household Number
Application in Progress	9

Andrew Note: Applications in progress are any households who have a start date for Stage 1, which have not been to panel and approved. Enquiries and Initial Visits do not count in this number.

H11. De-registrations in the year by reason

De-Registration Reason	Households number
Initiated by Foster Carer	16
Initiated by Fostering Service	8

Andrew Note: The breakdown of these 24 De-registrations are as follows:

De-registration Reason	Number of carers
Resigned due to age, health or other personal reason	15
SGO Granted	6
Foster to Adopt – Adoption Placement	1
Connected Person – Young Person no longer in their care	1
Connected Person De-Registered by Panel following an inadequate review	1
Total	24

Other Data

Information about brothers and sisters who are also looked after			
M1	Information about brothers and sisters (sibling group placements) for all placements that commenced between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020	Number of groups	Number of children
M1.1	How many brothers and sisters were assessed together to decide whether to place together or separately?	76	206
M1.2	How many were placed according to their plan, regardless of what the plan was?	68	174
M1.3	How many were NOT placed according to their plan, regardless of what the plan was?	8	32
Andrew Note: 89% of siblings were placed according to their plan.			
Information about allegations			
N1	Information about allegations received between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020	Number	
N1.1	The number of allegations against foster carers made by fostered children	0	
N1.2	The number of allegations against foster carers made by other sources	1	
N1.3	The number of children who have made allegations against their foster carers	0	
N1.4	The number of foster carers who have been subject to allegations	1	
Information about the categories of alleged abuse			
N1.5	Physical abuse	1	
N1.6	Sexual abuse	0	
N1.7	Neglect	0	
N1.8	Emotional abuse	0	
Information about the actions resulting from allegations against foster carers			
N1.9	How many referrals to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) did you make?	0	
N1.10	How many referrals to the local authority child protection team were made?	1	
N1.11	How many Section 47 enquiries were made?	1	
Information about the outcome of investigations of allegations			
N1.12	Concern(s) resolved - no further action	0	
N1.13	Continued monitoring for an agreed period	0	
N1.14	Concern remained, referred to fostering panel to review foster carer approval	1	
Timescale for investigations			
N1.15	less than 21 working days	0	
N1.16	22-30 working days (4 - 6 weeks)	0	
N1.17	31-50 working days (6 - 10 weeks)	0	
N1.18	More than 50 working days (> 10 weeks)	1	

Information about complaints			
P1	Information about complaints made about the fostering agency or service (including foster carers) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020	How many complaints did you receive?	How many of these were not upheld?
	From:	Number	Number
P1.1	children/young people	0	0
P1.2	foster carers	0	0
P1.3	children and young people's social workers	0	0
P1.4	other professionals	0	0
P1.5	children and young people's parents	1	0
P1.6	others	1	0

Other information about recruitment/ appeals		
Q1.1	How many initial enquiries did you receive from new prospective fostering households between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020?	123
Q1.2	How many applications were made for a review to the Independent Review Mechanism (IRM)?	0
Q1.3	Of the applications made to the IRM (Q1.2), how many resulted in a recommendation being made to your service to review your decision?	0

Additional Data not displayed on Ofsted's Summary

The following data is attained from the submitted Ofsted Fostering Dataset, but is not part of their system's summary data. These are new to the data set, and I thought it would be useful to add these items. This data is based on the main carer and not households. These are new data items, so there are no comparisons from previous years.

1. Age Group

Age Group:	Number:
20-24	1
25-29	2
30-34	7
35-39	12
40-44	9
45-49	18

50-54	36
55-59	26
60-64	19
65+	11
Grand Total	141

2. Fostering Experience

Fostering Experience:	Number:
New to Fostering	32
IFA Transfers	5
Total	37

Summary:

You can see that we have an ageing carer cohort with 56 carers over the age of 55, which is more than a third of our carers.

There were five IFA transfers during this reporting period.