

# Corporate Parenting Board

## Quarterly Report

2021/22



MIDDLESBROUGH  
**CHILDREN**  
M A T T E R



**Our mission is to show  
Middlesbrough children  
that they matter.**

## 1. Number of carers and places:

Quarter:	Carers:	Places:
Annual Return – 2020/21	145	264
Quarter 1	138	251
Quarter 2	130	243
Quarter 3		
Quarter 4		

The table defines each quarter. It also shows the date the data is collated for each 3-Month period.

Quarter 1 - April, May and June – (Data taken on the 30 June 2021)

Quarter 2 - July, August and September – (Data taken on the 30 September 2021)

As noted in the annual report there has been a number of deregistration's for both connected/kinship and mainstream fostering families

## 2. Number of carers by primary care type:

Primary Care Type:	2020/21	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Long-term	15	14	13		
Short-term/respice	94	72	71		
Fully approved connected persons	34	31	23		
Fostering to adopt	2	3	4		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>130</b>		

There has been an increase in the number of foster to adopt carers, this is indicative the early permanence for children is increasing. The reduction of fully approved connected carers demonstrates that permanence via a legal order such as a Child Arrangement Order or Special Guardianship Order has been achieved..

### 3. Number of carers approved:

Approved Carers:	2020/21	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Mainstream	15	2	4		
Fully approved connected persons	23	1	1		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>		

## 4. Number of carers household de-registrations:

De-Registrations	2020/21	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Mainstream	15	6	4		
Fully approved connected persons	17	9	1		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>		

## 5. Placements:

Age Group:	2020/21	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Number of children	160	156	139		
Number of vacant places	45	41	50		
Number of not available places	55	45	45		

The service is currently reviewing fostering families terms of approval to ensure it is line with what fostering families are able to provide. As part of this we are reviewing our data and how this is collated to bring the methodology of this in line with other parts of the local authority. Weekly meetings are held to review fostering families availability in order to ensure that where support is required that this is offered in timely manner.

There are a number of reasons for 'placements' not being used or available is for a variety of reasons – suitable matching for children, fostering families personal circumstances, awaiting resignation, changes in terms of approval.

## 6. Number of carer households on hold:

Breakdown of carers taking a break/pending resignation	2020/2	Q1	Q2
Carers taking a break/awaiting deregistration	8	6	6
Health reason	11	9	11
Current investigation – standards of care	3	3	2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>



## 7. Recruitment:

Recruitment:	2020/21	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Initial enquiries	112	25	35		

# What's Working Well

We have successfully appointed permanent experienced social workers.

The leadership within the fostering service is stable.

The fostering academy is being developed and is due to be launched early 2022.

We are heavily focusing on staff development and have a plan for this learning throughout 2022.

We will be implementing the Mockingbird model of practice.

Assessments under regulation 24 are reducing in timescale from referral to completion.

Our training support and development offer to kinship/connected carers continues to increase and this is further supported through working with kinship carer groups

# QUESTIONS