

Response to Request for Information

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Looked After Children

Request:

“What percentage of looked - after children in your local authority are placed in homes with foster careers who they are already related too?” For example, they may be living with foster careers who are their; grandparents, uncles, aunties or other extended family members, this is sometimes referred to as “kinship fostering”. In terms of time periods please could you supply the most current statistic available.

As from 24 October 2016, there were 55 “looked after children placed in homes with foster careers who they are already related to”.

This compares to 628 total LAC, meaning that 8.8% of the looked after children population are kinship-fostered.