



Response to Request for Information

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Adoption Wait Times

Request:

I request the following information under the freedom of information act:

1. Please can you tell me the average wait time for a child in your organisations care to be adopted? Please provide information broken down by year for the last 5 years.

This would be the national A1 adoption indicator. This is a national indicator which looks at the number of days taken between a child becoming LAC and being placed for adoption. This data is available in the public domain, see link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/adoption-scorecards-and-thresholds-published>

2. Please can you tell me the longest time a child in your organisations care has had to wait to be adopted? Please provide information broken down by year for the last 5 years.

Data as per A1 indicator.

2016/17 – 1397 days

2015/16 – 1682 days

2014/15 – 2256 days

2013/14 – 4717 days

2012/13 – 1826 days

Current longest time for a child awaiting adoption with adoption pending - 3834 days.

For those CYP where it has taken a long time, adoption hasn't always been the plan.