

FOI 1664

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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information in relation to Looked After Children within your local authority.

Question:	2020	2021	2022
1. The number of Looked After Children within your local authority who were identified as having a <b>British citizenship</b> .	As at 31.12.2020, <b>463</b> (born in UK, Northern Ireland, England, Great Britain); <5 children are identified as being born in Ireland	As at 31.12.2021, <b>489</b> (born in UK, Northern Ireland, England, Great Britain); <b>6</b> are identified as being born in Ireland	As at 31.12.2022, <b>537</b> (born in UK, Northern Ireland, England, Great Britain); <b>8</b> are identified as being born in Ireland
2a. The number of Looked After Children within your local authority who were identified as having a <b>non-British citizenship</b> , each calendar year between January 2020 - December 2022 inclusive.	As at 31.12.2020, <b>54</b> are born in countries outside of UK & Ireland	As at 31.12.2021, <b>57</b> are born in countries outside of UK & Ireland	As at 31.12.2021, <b>58</b> are born in countries outside of UK & Ireland
2b. The citizenships of those Looked After Children who were listed as non-British, each calendar year between January 2020 - December 2022.	List of countries: France, Poland, Lithuania, Timor-Leste (East Timor), Latvia, Portugal, Hungary, Brazil & Eritrea	List of countries: France, Poland, Lithuania, Timor-Leste (East Timor), Latvia, Portugal, Hungary, Brazil, Eritrea, Pakistan, Slovakia, United States, Kuwait, Somalia & Guinea Bissau	List of countries: France, Poland, Lithuania, Timor-Leste (East Timor), Latvia, Portugal, Hungary, Brazil, Eritrea, Pakistan, Slovakia, United States, Kuwait, Somalia, Romania, Ethiopia, Syria, Afghanistan & Guinea Bissau
3. The total number of Looked After Children within your local authority, who were identified as having family members outside of the United Kingdom who could act as potential carers for the child in question.	<5	<5	<5
4. The number of Looked After Children under your local authority care who were placed with family members outside the United Kingdom.	9	7	9
5. The numbers and types of court orders used to place Looked After Children from your local authority care with family members outside the United Kingdom.	A) Child Arrangement Orders: <b>9 Care Order</b> B) Special Guardianship Orders: C) Care Orders / Interim Care Orders: D) Other (please specify): E) No order:	A) Child Arrangement Orders: <b>7 Care Order</b> B) Special Guardianship Orders: C) Care Orders / Interim Care Orders: D) Other (please specify): E) No order:	A) Child Arrangement Orders: <b>Nil</b> B) Special Guardianship Orders: C) Care Orders / Interim Care Orders: D) Other (please specify): E) No order:
6. The number of Looked After Children provided with post-placement support services by the local authority following a placement with a family member / kinship carer outside of the UK, including financial support for their carers.	9	7	9

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

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