



My Ref: FOI5151  
Enquiries to: Information Requests  
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Dear Requester,

**Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

**Q1. How many foster carers/families do you currently need in your Local Authority area?**

253

**Q2. Of the carers identified in Q1, how many are needed to support children from the following groups:**

- Different ethnicities
- Different faiths/religions
- Children with disabilities

For ease, we have provided a table below for completion. If you do not hold data in the exact format or categories requested, please provide it in the format available.

Group	Carers needed
Ethnicity	
White (including White British, Irish, Other White)	
Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups	
Asian/Asian British (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Other Asian)	
Black/Black British (African, Caribbean, Other Black)	
Other ethnic group (Arab, any other ethnic group)	
Religion/Faith	
Christian	
Muslim	
Hindu	

<b>Sikh</b>	
<b>Jewish</b>	
<b>Buddhist</b>	
<b>Other religion</b>	
<b>Disability</b>	
<b>Children recorded as having a disability</b>	

We do not hold this information in a retrievable format.

**Q3. Please confirm the number of children and young people in foster care placements in your Local Authority area during the following years:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total aggregate number</b>
<b>2024 (1 January to 31 December)</b>	398
<b>2025 (1 January to 30 September)</b>	345

NB. The cohort used is unique children with latest placement codes U1-U6 in the given period.

**Q4. Please confirm the number of children in foster care placements within your Local Authority for the years 2024 (to 31 December) and 2025 (to 30 September) broken down by:**

- **Ethnicity**
- **Religion/faith**
- **Disability status**

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<b>Group</b>	<b>2024 (1 Jan to 31 Dec)</b>	<b>2025 (1 Jan to 30 Sept)</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	*	*
<b>White (including White British, Irish, Other White)</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>308</b>
<b>Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>

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<b>Asian/Asian British (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Other Asian)</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Black/Black British (African, Caribbean, Other Black)</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Other ethnic group (Arab, any other ethnic group)</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Not stated / unknown</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Religion/Faith</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Christian</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Muslim</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Hindu</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Sikh</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Jewish</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Buddhist</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Other religion</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>No religion</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Not stated / unknown</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>291</b>
<b>Disability</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Children recorded as having a disability</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Children recorded as not having a disability</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>313</b>
<b>Not stated / unknown</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>

X – Answer suppressed to protect confidentiality.

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**Q5 How many of your current foster carers are in each of the following age brackets?**

- **21 – 28**
- **29 – 44**
- **45 – 60**
- **61 – 79**
- **80 – 97**

Age Group	Carers
21-28	X
29-44	44
45-60	93
61-79	39

X – Answer suppressed to protect confidentiality.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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