



My Ref: FOI 6190
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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: -

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding foster carers and children in care within your local authority.

Specifically, I would like to request the following data for the period of 2023-2026:

1. The total number of approved foster carers, broken down by ethnicity.

Ethnicity	Carers
Asian/Asian British	X
Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups	X
White	393
Not Stated	97
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	X
Other Ethnic Groups	X

X – Answer suppressed to protect confidentiality

2. The total number of children in care, broken down by ethnicity.

Ethnicity	Children in Care
African	13
Any other Asian background	X
Any other Black background	X
Any other ethnic group	44
Any other Mixed background	19
Any other White background	19
Chinese	X
Pakistani	X
Traveller of Irish heritage	X
White and Asian	8
White British	529
White Irish	X

X – Answer suppressed to protect confidentiality

3. The number of Black and Global Majority children placed with foster carers of a different ethnicity (transracial placements).

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4. The number of kinship carers and special guardians (SGOs) from Global Majority backgrounds currently supported by the authority.

- a) The number of Global Majority kinship carers in connected persons placements (children in care)

Ethnicity	Count
Not Stated	32
Global Majority	5
White	66

- b) The number of Global Majority special guardians receiving post-SGO support

This data is being requested to support the Black Foster Carers Alliance (BFCA) Annual State of Black Fostering Report, which aims to improve outcomes for children and support for carers through culturally responsive practice.

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.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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