

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 19th JANUARY 2016**

**Question**

How many children are currently in the care of the Children's Service?

How many children are being cared for within residential settings here and in the UK and, how many are currently in foster care?

What is the cost of placing children in residential settings in the UK?

Of the children in foster care, how many are in kinship foster care?

How many foster carers are registered with the Department and of those, how many are specialist foster carers?

How many foster placements have broken down during the past year and what were the main reasons for them doing so?

How many recruitment drives for foster carers and potential adopters have taken place during the past two years and, how many new foster carers were recruited and lost during this period of time?

Currently what premises are being used as residential settings, how many beds do they provide and for what age group do they cater?

**Answer**

*How many children are currently in the care of the Children's Service?*

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*How many children are being cared for within residential settings here and in the UK and, how many are currently in foster care?*

Within Residential settings here – 22  
In the UK – 9  
In Foster care – 51

*What is the cost of placing children in residential settings in the UK?*

Costs vary in accordance with Individual placement plans. The current range varies between £76,000 per child per year up to £247,000 per child per year.

*Of the children in foster care, how many are in kinship foster care?*

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***How many foster carers are registered with the Department and of those, how many are specialist foster carers?***

50 registered carers of whom 2 are specialist carers

***How many foster placements have broken down during the past year and what were the main reasons for them doing so?***

2 breakdowns associated with placements continuing for longer than had been previously anticipated  
1 breakdown due to challenging behaviour  
1 young person decided to return to their birth family  
2 breakdowns associated with crises within the respective foster family

***How many recruitment drives for foster carers and potential adopters have taken place during the past two years and how many new fosters carers were recruited and lost during this period of time?***

There are 2 campaigns every year – 1 in “Fostering Fortnight” and 1 in “Adoption week”, so 4 in the last 2 years.

In 2014 8 new foster carers and 4 prospective adopters were recruited  
In 2014 5 foster carers were deregistered  
In 2015 13 new foster carers and 8 prospective adopters were recruited  
In 2015 5 foster carers were deregistered

***Currently what premises are being used as residential settings, how many beds do they provide and for what age group do they cater?***

Greenfields Secure Home - 8 beds (age range subject to legal review)  
Casa Mia – 3 beds (age range 11 to 17)  
Field View – 6 beds (age range 11 to 17)  
Brig-Y-Don – 8 beds (age range 11 to 17)  
The White House – 3 beds (age range 11 to 17)  
Eden House – 2 beds (aged 10 and 12)

There are 2 further units providing short break facilities