

Enquiry Number – FS 2892071

Request and Response:

- Q1: (a) How many children were placed with relatives through a Special Guardianship Court Order between 01/01/2015 and 31/12/2015?
- (b) On average, how long did the assessment for the Special Guardianship Order (SGO) take for relatives? Please specify the longest and shortest period of time an assessment took to process which resulted in a placement being made.
- (c) On average, how many times a month after the child was placed with a relative as a Special Guardian were they visited by the local authority? Please provide the number of visits for each case.

- A1: (a) 46
- (b) 24 carers who were granted SGOs.
The SGO assessments took on average 5.6 months.
The longest period – 12 months
The shortest period – 2 months
- (c) From 1 January 2015 to 31 January 2015, there were 91 visits undertaken.
This is an average of 2.1 visits each month.

Q2: How many children were placed with relatives through a Special Guardianship Court Order between 01/01/2014 and 31/12/2014?

A2: 32

Q3: How many children were placed with relatives through a Special Guardianship Court Order between 01/01/2013 and 31/12/2013?

A3: 20

Q4: How many children were placed with relatives through a Special Guardianship Court Order between 01/01/2009 and 31/12/2009?

A4: 19

Q5: How many Serious Case Reviews have been carried out into the deaths of children between 01/01/2013 and 31/12/2015?

A5: One undertaken jointly with Dudley published April 2013.

Q6: Number of SGOs which are the outcome of care proceedings which result in the local authority placing a child with a relative?

A6: 143

Q7: Number of SGOs which are the result of a private law application, but which require a report from the local authority in court regardless?

A7: 63

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