

**Enquiry Number – FS3314096**

## Request and Response:

Q1: How many children were in foster care placements with you during the last financial year (1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016)? [NB. This includes children placed with independent fostering agencies, in house, emergency care or any other foster care.]

A1: 580

Q2: Of the total number of children in foster care (listed in question 1), how many were brought into foster care under an emergency placement or police protection order?

A2: 31

Q3: Of the total number of children in foster care (listed in question 1), how many during 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 had:

- (a) one placement/remained in the same placement (this excludes emergency placements and police protection orders);
- (b) two placements (this excludes emergency placements and police protection orders);
- (c) three placements (this excludes emergency placements and police protection orders);
- (d) four placements (this excludes emergency placements and police protection orders);
- (e) five placements (this excludes emergency placements and police protection orders);
- (f) six placements (this excludes emergency placements and police protection orders);
- (g) seven placements or more (this excludes emergency placements and police protection orders)?

A3: (a) 386  
(b) 114  
(c) 49  
(d) 20  
(e) 4  
(f) 0  
(g) 7

Q4: Out of the number of children in care (listed in question 1), what is the main reason a child moves from a foster care placement? [NB. This includes children placed with independent fostering agencies, in house, emergency care or any other foster care.]

- (a) Planned movement in line with foster child's care plan.
- (b) Foster carer resigns or fostering service closes.
- (c) Foster carer is no longer approved.
- (d) An allegation has been made against the foster carer or another child.
- (e) There is concern about the standards of care.
- (f) Foster carer requests that the placement ends due to the child's behaviour.
- (g) Foster carer requests that the placement ends for other reasons.
- (h) Child requests that the foster placement ends.
- (i) The foster placement no longer meets child's needs.
- (j) Cost consideration.

A4: (a) 148  
(b) 9  
(c) 0  
(d) 3  
(e) 2  
(f) 18  
(g) 6  
(h) 8  
(i) 0  
(j) 0

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