

Childrens Social Care Services

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Date

21 March 2018

Claire Fletcher

Dear Ms Savage

Thank you for your request for information received on 21 February 2018 concerning:

1. How many children became 'looked after' in your local authority in the calendar year of 2017?
2. Of the children in Q1, how many were in a group of siblings of two or more (I would like the number of children, not the number of groups)?
3. How many of the children that became 'looked after' in your local authority in 2017 were initially placed in Kinship Care/Connected Persons care?
4. How many looked after children in your local authority are currently placed following care proceedings:
 - a) with long term LA foster carers
 - b) in kinship care foster placements
- 5.a. How many applications to be a kinship carer did you receive in 2017 in respect of children subject to Care Proceedings?
- 5.b. How many of those (5.a.) applications were successful?
6. How many children in your local authority were made the subject of Special Guardianship Order following Care Proceedings in 2017?
7. How many of your local authority's current foster carers are prepared and approved to be long term foster carers of sibling groups of:
 - a) 2
 - b) 3 or more .

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the information requested is held by the London Borough of Bexley. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

1. How many children became 'looked after' in your local authority in the calendar year of 2017? **120**
2. Of the children in Q1, how many were in a group of siblings of two or more (I would like the number of children, not the number of groups)? **2**
3. How many of the children that became 'looked after' in your local authority in 2017 were initially placed in Kinship Care/Connected Persons care? **21**

4. How many looked after children in your local authority are currently placed following care proceedings:

- a) with long term LA foster carers 40
- b) in kinship care foster placements 18

5.a. How many applications to be a kinship carer did you receive in 2017 in respect of children subject to Care Proceedings? 10

5.b. How many of those (5.a.) applications were successful? 2

6. How many children in your local authority were made the subject of Special Guardianship Order following Care Proceedings in 2017? 16

7. How many of your local authority's current foster carers are prepared and approved to be long term foster carers of sibling groups of:

- a) 2
- b) 3 or more .

The London Borough of Bexley do not approve carers to be Long Term Foster Carers, all new carers are approved as Short Term and then if they are suited to a child they are taken to panel to be considered for long term approval for a child/children.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 0203 045 4216 or xxxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx.xx.

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Yours sincerely

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