

## Finance

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**Ms Christina Savage**

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Date: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Ms Savage

**RE: FOI69617924**

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('FOIA'), which we received on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

The wording of your request was as follows:

1. How many children became 'looked after' in your local authority in the financial year of 1 April 2016 to 31 March 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 the financial year of 1 April 2016 to 31 March 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. Split into part a and b below
  - a. How many applications to be a kinship carer did you receive in the financial year of 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 in respect of children subject to Care Proceedings?
  - b. How many of those (5.a.) applications were successful (positive viability assessment)?
6. How many children in your local authority were made the subject of Special Guardianship Order following Care Proceedings in the financial year of 1 April 2016 to 31 March 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

Please see below the response which I trust satisfies your enquiry. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me above. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you have the right to complain about the Council's response to your request for information. If you wish to pursue such a complaint, please do so within 28 days from the date of this letter and ask for a review of the Council's decision. Please write to: The Information Officer, Learning from Complaints Team, Room 104, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Walthamstow E17 4JF, or email [information.officer@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:information.officer@walthamforest.gov.uk). Please mark your request clearly as "Request for Review".

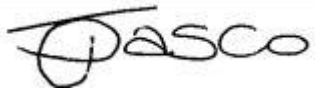


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[http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints/freedom\\_of\\_information.aspx](http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints/freedom_of_information.aspx)

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JPasco', with a stylized initial 'J'.

**Jayne Pasco**  
**Performance Analyst**  
**Children's Social Care**

Question	Response
1. How many children became 'looked after' in your local authority in the financial year of 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017?	172 children (177 entries to care)
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)?	43
3. How many of the children that became 'looked after' in your local authority in the financial year of 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 were initially placed in Kinship Care/Connected Persons care?	33
4. How many looked after children in your local authority are currently placed following care proceedings:	
a) with long term LA foster carers	7
b) in kinship care foster placements	5
5.a. How many applications to be a kinship carer did you receive in the financial year of 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 in respect of children subject to Care Proceedings?	104 viability assessments undertaken
5.b. How many of those (5.a.) applications were successful (positive viability assessment)?	45, although they did not necessarily proceed to a placement.
6. How many children in your local authority were made the subject of Special Guardianship Order following Care Proceedings in the financial year of 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017?	29
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	0
b) 3 or more	0