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Request and Response:

1. How many children are currently held on a section 20 order?

Children are not 'held' on a section 20 order. Section 20 of the Children Act 1989 provides that children can be in care with the voluntary agreement of their parents/carers.

61 as @ 28/03/18

2. How many children have been removed off a section 20 order in the last 12 calendar months?

Children are not 'removed' off a section 20. Children may return home or go to live with alternative carers.

99 (and not gone to LA care)

3. Of the children removed from a section 20 order in past 12 calendar months how many of these children were placed into LA care?

56 changed being in care with the voluntary agreement of their parents/carers to being in care under an Interim Care Order, Full Care Order or Placement Order in past 12 calendar months

4. How many of these cases resulted in children being returned to the care of the Parents?

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5. How many children have been placed with an immediate family member such as Grandparents under the kincare clause or a Special Guardianship order in the past 12 calendar months?

7 from section 20

6. What is the longest amount of time that a child has been left on a section 20 order without going to Court, ?

See below

7. Please give statistics for the past 3 calendar years?

Jan 17 – Feb 18 = 8 years

Jan 16 – Dec 16 = 7 years

Jan 15 – Dec 15 = 6 years

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