



REQUEST 18853

1. How many foster carers/families do you currently need in your Local Authority area?
2. Of the carers identified in Q1, how many are needed to support children from the following groups:
 - Different ethnicities
 - Different faiths/religions
 - Children with disabilities
3. Please confirm the number of children and young people in foster care placements in your Local Authority area during the following years:
4. Please confirm the number of children in foster care placements within your Local Authority for the years 2024 (to 31 December) and 2025 (to 30 September) broken down by:
 - Ethnicity
 - Religion/faith
 - Disability status

For ease, we have provided a table below for completion. If you do not hold data in the exact format or categories requested, please provide it in the format available.

5. How many of your current foster carers are in each of the following age brackets?

RESPONSE

1. Our target is to increase out fostering households by 5 by the end of March 2026.
2. We are looking for a diverse range of foster carers and are not able to identify numbers for each ethnic group / religion.

We are seeking to recruit carers within the net gain of 5 who could care for children with disabilities.

- 3.

| Year | Total aggregate number |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2024 (1 January to 31 December) | 538 |
| 2025 (1 January to 30 September) | 481 |

4.

| Group | 2024 (1 Jan to 31 Dec) | 2025 (1 Jan to 30 Sept) |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ethnicity | | |
| White (including White British, Irish, Other White) | 487 | 420 |
| Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups | 26 | 30 |
| Asian/Asian British (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Other Asian) | 7 | 1 |
| Black/Black British (African, Caribbean, Other Black) | 14 | 23 |
| Other ethnic group (Arab, any other ethnic group) | 4 | 7 |
| Not stated / unknown | 0 | 0 |
| Religion/Faith | | |
| Christian | 154 | 146 |
| Muslim | 12 | 13 |
| Hindu | 0 | 0 |
| Sikh | 3 | 0 |
| Jewish | 0 | 0 |
| Buddhist | 0 | 0 |
| Other religion | 0 | 0 |
| No religion | 229 | 196 |
| Not stated / unknown | 140 | 126 |
| Disability | | |
| Children recorded as having a disability | 102 | 85 |
| Children recorded as not having a disability | 436 | 396 |
| Not stated / unknown | - | - |

5.

Note I have included main carers and linked carers

- 21 - 28 = 2
- 29 - 44 = 113
- 45 - 60 = 224
- 61 - 79 = 109
- 80 - 97 = 3