



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.

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

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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	-	-

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Note I have included main carers and linked carers

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