

**FOI Request - Children in the Care System – 101003683948**

**Q1. As a month by month breakdown, how many children and young people have entered the care system in your area over the past five years?**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>January</b>	<5*	<5*	9	<5*	6
<b>February</b>	7	<5*	8	<5*	7
<b>March</b>	6	<5*	7	<5*	<5*
<b>April</b>	<5*	6	<5*	<5*	<5*
<b>May</b>	<5*	<5*	<5*	<5*	13
<b>June</b>	<5*	6	<5*	<5*	<5*
<b>July</b>	<5*	<5*	<5*	7	<5*
<b>August</b>	<5*	<5*	<5*	16	0
<b>September</b>	10	8	9	6	12
<b>October</b>	11	<5*	9	<5*	<5*
<b>November</b>	<5*	<5*	6	<5*	0
<b>December</b>	<5*	<5*	<5*	<5*	
	<b>61</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>54</b>
				<b>Total</b>	<b>284</b>

\*The low numbers associated with this response may result in the identification of individuals. Therefore numbers between 1 and 5 have been redacted and marked with <5 instead. This response is exempt under Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – personal information.

**Q2. As a month by month breakdown, how many children/young people who are living with a disability have entered the care system in your area in the following years?**

**The Equality Act 2010 defines a disability as constituting a 'physical or mental impairment' the impairment 'has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.**

	<b>Total admissions during year</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>7</b>

<b>2022</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>13</b>

Due to the low numbers of children and the risk of identification, it is not possible to break this down into a monthly chart. This information is exempt under Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – personal information.

**Q3. How many foster carers do you currently have in your area?**

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**Q4. How many foster carers do you currently have in your area who are able to provide the types of foster care listed below. Please enter the total number of carers available, including those currently fostering children and those not.**

Note: The words highlighted in red do not apply to our fostering approvals.

Yellow highlights are terms used for care settings.

<b>Type of foster care</b>	<b>Number of carers in your area</b>
<b>Short term</b>	
Interim	20
Long term	14
Respite (Short Break)	17
Emergency	6
Permanent	18
Remand	N/A
Fostering siblings	If carers have enough capacity they could foster siblings
Bridge to foster	N/A
Parent and child	N/A
Fostering a baby	
Fostering those with a disability	N/A
Fostering teenagers	
Fostering unaccompanied children e.g. asylum seekers	N/A
Staying put	N/A
Therapeutic	N/A
Other	

**Q.5. Has your council seen an increase in the demand for foster carers for children/young people who are living with a disability in the last 12 months?**

Yes