

Surrey foster carer turnover

Information is supplied annually to Ofsted in the form of a prescribed data-set.

Collection year	Total Number of households at 31 st March	Number of places at 31 st March	Number of Family and Friends households
2018	388	658	
2019	377	643	
2020	393	656	109
2021	398	662	113
2022	397	660	122
2023	358	599	107
2024	331	584	102

(Source: Ofsted Fostering Data Set Return)

Fostering Households approved by fostering panel in year	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-24	2024-25 (1 st April – 15 th July)
General foster carer	31	21	18	21	5
Friends and family carer	50	41	37	37	12
Fostering to adopt carer	2	4	-	1	
Short breaks – children who are also looked after carer	1	2	-		
Short breaks – children who are not otherwise looked after carer	3	0	-		
Total	88	62	55	59	17

(Source: Surrey Fostering Panel Case Data)

Collection year	Total Number of households resigned or deregistered by fostering panel	Number of mainstream fostering households	Number of connected person fostering households
2020-2021	42	11	31
2021-2022	38	24	14
2022-2023	47	31	16
2023-2024	63	40	23
2024-2025	12	7	5

(Source: Surrey Fostering Panel Case Data)

Deregistration reason – Household number	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Resigned due to retirement	11	8	
Resigned due to change of circumstances	14	23	7
Resigned due to difficulty fulfilling the fostering role	3		1
Resigned as child no longer looked after (Special Guardianship obtained / Adoption Order)	8	7	1
Resigned due to impact of fostering on emotional well-being	1		

Resigned as child no longer in their care	5	4	
Resigned following standards of care investigation	1		
Deregistered by the service as no longer suitable to foster	4		
Child returned home (planned move)		10	1
Placement Breakdown		4	
Staying put/Supported Lodgings		8	2
Becoming Shared lives carers for previously fostered child		3	

(Source: Fostering Service exit interviews and Fostering Panel Case Data)

Special Guardianship Orders made	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 Q1 (April to June)
Number of children who have had an order made in financial year.	59	31	9

Recruitment activity

Recruitment activity for the 1st Quarter for this year and 2 previous (April to June). When comparing to 22/23 and 23/24 all metrics are up over the past year except receiving applications, which is down slightly. This suggests messaging is working but subsequent enquirers want to support younger children or cannot commit to fostering full time due to financial pressures/cost of living/space. This aligns with the findings of work we commissioned with Insight team who undertook a YouGov survey as to the barriers for fostering in Surrey households.

Year on Year recruitment figure Q1

