

## Surrey foster carers turnover

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

| Collection year | Total Number of households at 31 <sup>st</sup> March | Number of places at 31 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> April – 13 <sup>th</sup> November) |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|
| General foster carer   | 31        | 21        | 18        | 21        | 11  |
| Friends and family carer   | 50        | 41        | 37        | 37        | 22  |
| 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         | -         |           |   |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>88</b> | <b>62</b> | <b>55</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>33</b>   |

(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       | 35   | 18  | 17  |  |

(Source: Surrey Fostering Panel Case Data)

| Deregistration reason – Household number   | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Resigned due to retirement   | 11      | 8       | 2       |
| Resigned due to change of circumstances  | 14      | 23      | 9       |
| Resigned due to difficulty fulfilling the fostering role                                   | 3       |         | 3       |
| Resigned as child no longer looked after (Special Guardianship obtained / Adoption Order ) | 8       | 7       | 6       |
| Resigned due to impact of fostering on emotional well-being                                | 1       |         | 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 |    | 2 |
| Child returned home (planned move)                          |   | 10 | 5 |
| Placement Breakdown   |   | 4  |   |
| Staying put/Supported Lodgings                              |   | 8  | 7 |
| Becoming Shared lives carers for previously fostered child  |   | 3  |   |

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

| <b>Special Guardianship Orders made</b>                          | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24</b> | <b>2024-25<br/>Q1 (April to<br/>September)</b> |
|--|----------------|----------------|--|
| Number of children who have had an order made in financial year. | <b>59</b>      | <b>31</b>      | <b>14</b>                                      |

#### Temporary Approval Activity

The fostering service have undertaken roadshows and team Tuesday session to support the focus on family first principles in front line team. This has seen some improvement in the referrals and thus sufficiency.

In August 2024 there were 12 reg 24 referrals for 20 children. This resulted in 8 household's temporarily approved as foster carers for 11 children. In September we had 11 reg 24 referrals for 13 children, which resulted in 6 approvals for 8 children.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 30th September 2024, we have received 60 referrals for regulation 24 assessments which was for 82 children. Of the 60 referrals we have temporarily approved 34 carers for 44 children. Which means 44 children were placed with Kinship carers. Not all of these will have proceeded to full kinship carer approval.