

## Surrey Foster carers turnover data

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

(Source: Ofsted Fostering Data Set Return)

Fostering Households approved by fostering panel in year	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023 (to 31/03/23)	2023-24 (to 21/11/2023)
General foster carer	31	21	18	14
Friends and family carer	50	41	37	29
Fostering to adopt carer	2	4	-	
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>43</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	47	29	18

(Source: Surrey Fostering Panel Case Data)

Deregistration reason – Household number	2022-23	2023-24 (to 21/11/2023)
Resigned due to retirement	11	7
Resigned due to change of circumstances	14	14
Resigned due to difficulty fulfilling the fostering role	3	
Resigned as child no longer looked after (Special Guardianship obtained / Adoption Order )	8	3
Resigned due to impact of fostering on emotional well-being	1	
Resigned as child no longer in their care	5	3
Resigned following standards of care investigation	1	
Deregistered by the service as no longer suitable to foster	4	
Child returned home (planned move)		8
Placement Breakdown		4
Staying put/Supported Lodgings		7
Becoming Shared lives carers for previously fostered child		1

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

<b>Special Guardianship Order's made</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b> (to 21/11/2023)
Number of children who have had an order made in financial year..	<b>59</b>	<b>25</b>

### **National Statistics – Fostering in England April 22 – March 223**

Ofsted's statistical release covers 146 Local Authority fostering services and 282 Independent Fostering Agencies (IFA) for 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. It includes data about fostering households, foster carers, retention, recruitment and capacity.

There is an upward trend in fostering provision provided by family and friends households. Family and friends households made up 27% of all Local Authority fostering households as at 31 March 2022, an increase from 21% in 2017-18. Family and friends households accounted for 60% of households approved in-year that were still active on 31 March 2022, up slightly from 56% in 2017 to 2018. This type of household made up 60% of deregistration's by Local Authorities in the 2021 to 2022 period

#### **Data for Figure 1: Number of fostering households by type and sector as at 31 March, over the last 5 years**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Family and friends (LA)</b>	6,930	7,310	8,045	7,855	8,400
<b>Mainstream (LA)</b>	22,395	21,885	21,495	20,845	19,835
<b>Mainstream (IFA)</b>	15,125	15,345	15,830	15,205	15,170
<b>Total</b>	44,450	44,540	45,370	43,905	43,405

Since 2021, there have been year-on-year net decreases in the number of mainstream fostering households in both the IFA and LA sectors (figure 2).

Data for Figure 2: Year-on-year net change in mainstream fostering households by sector over the last 5 years

Sector	2018 to 2019	2019 to 2020	2020 to 2021	2021 to 2022	2022 to 2023
IFA	360	220	485	-625	-35
LA	-220	-510	-390	-650	-1,010

Surrey Recruitment Stats 2022/2023 comparison for December with enquiries from prospective foster carers, initial visits made in follow up and application forms subsequently sent and those received by Fostering Recruitment.



# Comparison between November 2023 & November 2022

