

Surrey social worker turnover

As of February 2024, the turnover rate for Social Workers (Social Worker, Senior Social Worker and Advanced Social Worker excluding Bank Staff) within the Family Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting Services is 14.94%.

Surrey foster carer turnover

Information is supplied annually to Ofsted in the form of a prescribed dataset.

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

(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 22/03/2024)
General foster carer	31	21	18	21
Friends and family carer	50	41	37	37
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

(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	56	33	23

(Source: Surrey Fostering Panel Case Data)

Deregistration reason – Household number	2022-23	2023-24 (to 21/11/2023)
Resigned due to retirement	11	8
Resigned due to change of circumstances	14	20
Resigned due to difficulty fulfilling the fostering role	3	
Resigned as child no longer looked after (Special Guardianship obtained / Adoption Order)	8	6

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)		9
Placement Breakdown		4
Staying put/Supported Lodgings		8
Becoming Shared lives carers for previously fostered child		1

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

Special Guardianship Order's made	2022-23	2023-24 (to 05.01.2024) (Q4 not yet available and does not include non looked after children where SGO granted)
Number of children who have had an order made in financial year..	59	25

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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

Sector	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Family and friends (LA)	6,930	7,310	8,045	7,855	8,400
Mainstream (LA)	22,395	21,885	21,495	20,845	19,835

Sector	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Mainstream (IFA)	15,125	15,345	15,830	15,205	15,170
Total	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 December 2023 & December 2022



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