

Foster Care

Written Answers

Sarah Wollaston Chair, Health Committee, Chair, Liaison Committee (Commons)

To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children have been fostered in England in each of the last five years.

To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many special guardianship orders have been issued in each of the last five years.

Nadhim Zahawi The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education

The numbers of children looked after in foster placements at any time during the year ending 31 March in each of the last five years were published in Table B1, in the statistical release Children looked after in England including adoption: 2016 to 2017 at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/children-looked-after-in-england-including-adoption-2016-to-2017>.

The numbers of children, who ceased to be looked after because of a special guardianship order during the year ending 31 March 2013 to 2017 in England, are shown in the following table.

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2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

Children who have ceased to be looked after because of a special guardianship order

2,770

3,360

3,550

3,860

3,690

Numbers have been recorded to the nearest 10

Only the last occasion on which a child ceased to be looked after in the year has been counted.

Figures exclude children looked after under an agreed series of short term placements.

Historical data may differ from older publications. This is mainly due to the implementation of amendments and corrections sent by some local authorities after the publication date of previous materials

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