

Information about the service			
What is the Unique Reference Number (URN) for the service? (Please select from the drop down list)			
What is the name of the organisation which provides the service?			
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<b>What date was the assessment completed?</b> (This is the date you finished the quality assurance and data form)	Day	Month	Year
What is the name of the person who completed the dataset?			
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What is the role/title of the person who completed the dataset?			
What is the name of the nominated person (for local authorities) or responsible individual (for independent fostering agencies), if this is different to the person completing the dataset?			

### Section A: Information about placements

A1	Information about foster places at 31 March 2015	All foster places, excluding short breaks
A1.1	How many approved foster places (not carers) in total did your fostering service have as at 31 March 2015?	
<b>Of the overall total approved places (A1.1) at 31 March 2015:</b>		
A1.2	How many of these places were filled (that is the number of children placed)?	
A1.3	How many of these places were vacant?	
A1.4	How many of these places were not available, due to the needs of other children currently in placement?	
A1.5	How many of these places were not available, due to the personal circumstances of the foster carers?	

A2	Information about children and young people in foster placements in your service (excluding short breaks) at any point between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015	Number of children
A2.1	What was the overall total number of children/young people in placements within your fostering service (excluding short breaks) at any point between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015?	
<b>Of the total number of children/young people (A2.1) at any point between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015:</b>		
A2.2	How many were of compulsory school age (5-16)?	
A2.3	How many young people were required to participate in education or training, having not yet reached the age of 18 (Raising the Participation Age)?	
A2.4	How many were disabled?	
A2.5	How many were subject to concurrent planning?	

A3	Information about children and young people at risk or subject to child sexual exploitation (CSE)	At any point between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015	As at 31 March 2015
A3.1	How many children/young people were considered to be at risk of CSE?		
A3.2	How many children/young people were considered to be subject to CSE?		

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**Information about types of foster care**

A4	Please indicate the types of foster care that your service provided	Provided by the service during 2014-15 (Y/N)	Number of places filled at 31 March 2015	?
A4.1	Permanent long term foster care			?
A4.2	Short term foster care, including pre-adoption and pre-permanence			?
A4.3	Emergency foster care			?
A4.4	Family and friends foster care			?
A4.5	Parent and child foster care placements			?
A4.6	Parent and child arrangements that are not foster care			?
A4.7	Multi-dimensional treatment foster care under the Department for Education scheme			?
A4.8	Remand foster care			?
A4.9	Other (not including short breaks)			?
<b>Total number of filled foster places (A4.1-A4.9):</b>				
		<b>Provided by the service during 2014-15 (Y/N)</b>	<b>Number of children between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015</b>	
A4.10	Short break foster care			?

A5	<i>Local authority fostering services only - regarding all looked after children who were fostered and for whom the local authority is responsible; irrespective of whether they were placed in-house, out of borough or commissioned through independent provision.</i>	Number of groups	Number of children	?
A5.1	How many brothers and sisters were assessed to be placed together and were placed together?			
A5.2	How many brothers and sisters were assessed to be placed together and were placed separately?			
A5.3	How many brothers and sisters were assessed to be placed separately and were placed separately?			

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A6	Information about placement endings, for children/young people placed in fostering households in your service (this information is not required for children using short break services)	Number of placements	?
	How many unplanned endings of placements, where the original assessed duration of the placement plan could not be fulfilled, occurred between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015:		

<b>A6.1</b>	Number which occurred at the request of the foster carer	
<b>A6.2</b>	Number which occurred for another reason (please exemplify in comments)	
<b>Total number of unplanned endings (A6.1+A6.2):</b>		
<b>A6.3</b>	Of the total unplanned endings, how many placement moves occurred within 24 hours?	

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<b>A7</b>	<b>Information about exemptions at any point between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>A7.1</b>	How many exemptions to the usual fostering limit were in place in fostering households in your service?	

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<b>A8</b>	<b>Information about young people aged 18 and over</b>	<b>Number of young people</b>
<b>A8.1</b>	How many young people in foster care turned 18 between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015 ?	
<b>A8.2</b>	Of the young people who had an 18th birthday in the year, (A8.1), how many remained living with their former foster carer beyond their 18th birthday, under a 'staying put' arrangement supported by the local authority?	
<b>A8.3</b>	How many young people in foster care turned 19 and remained living with their former foster carer between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015?	
<b>A8.4</b>	How many young people in foster care turned 20 and remained living with their former foster carer between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015?	
<b>A8.5</b>	How many young people in foster care turned 21 and remained living with their former foster carer between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015?	

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**Section B: Information about the ethnicity of foster carers and children**

<b>B1</b>	<b>Number of approved/registered foster carers as at 31 March 2015</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>B1.1</b>	How many approved foster carers (not households) did your service have? (Please exclude carers who are counted in B1.2 and B1.3 below: family and friends and short breaks)	
<b>B1.2</b>	How many approved foster carers (not households) did your service have who were family and friends foster carers?	
<b>B1.3</b>	How many approved foster carers (not households) did your service have who were <u>exclusively</u> short breaks foster carers?	
<b>Total number of foster carers (B1):</b>		

B2	Ethnicity – Information about ethnicity of children in fostering placements and all approved foster carers as at 31 March 2015		
	Please provide the ethnicity of children who were in a foster care placement with your service as at 31 March 2015 (excluding short breaks).		
Please provide the ethnicity of each approved individual foster carer who was registered with your service as at 31 March 2015.			
	Ethnic Group	Number of children placed	Number of approved foster carers
	<b>White</b>		
B2.1	British		
B2.2	Irish		
B2.3	Traveller of Irish Heritage		
B2.4	Gypsy/Roma		
B2.5	Any other White background		
	<b>Mixed</b>		
B2.6	White and Black Caribbean		
B2.7	White and Black African		
B2.8	White and Asian		
B2.9	Any other mixed background		
	<b>Asian or Asian British</b>		
B2.10	Indian		
B2.11	Pakistani		
B2.12	Bangladeshi		
B2.13	Any other Asian background		
	<b>Black or Black British</b>		
B2.14	Black Caribbean		
B2.15	Black African		
B2.16	Any other Black background		
	<b>Any other ethnic group</b>		
B2.17	Chinese		
B2.18	Any other ethnic group		
	<b>Other</b>		
B2.19	Refused		
B2.20	Information not yet available		
		<b>Total number of children and foster carers (B2):</b>	

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**Section C: Information about foster carers and households**

C1	Information about fostering households as at 31 March 2015	Number
C1.1	How many fostering households did you have? (Please exclude family and friends households and short breaks)	
C1.2	How many family and friends households did you have? (This does not include those family and friends who had children placed with them under Regulation 24 of The Care Planning Regulations 2010)	
C1.3	How many 'connected person' households did you have? (Family and friends who had children placed with them under Regulation 24 of The Care Planning Regulations 2010)	
C1.4	How many fostering households did you have that were exclusively approved for short breaks?	

**Total number of fostering households (C1.1 to C1.4):**

Of the approved fostering households in C1.1, as at 31 March 2015, how many households were:		
C1.5	Approved for one child/young person?	
C1.6	Approved for two children/young people?	
C1.7	Approved for three children/young people?	
C1.8	Approved for more than three children/young people?	

C2	Information about family and friends households between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015	Number
C2.1	How many family and friends or connected person fostering households did you approve?	

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C3	Information about recruitment/retention of fostering households (excluding Family and Friends and Short Breaks only households)	Number
C3.1	How many initial enquiries did you receive from new prospective fostering households between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015?	
C3.2	How many applications from new prospective fostering households did you receive between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015? (Do not count initial enquiries or applications where the 'offer' is not in line with your service's recruitment objectives).	
C3.3	How many applications from prospective fostering households, received prior to 1 April 2014, were not decided by that date?	

**Total number of applications received or brought forward (C3.2 + C3.3):**

C3.4	How many approved fostering households were de-registered between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015?	
Of the de-registered households (C3.4) between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015:		
C3.5	How many were to facilitate a transfer to a different fostering service?	
C3.6	How many were initiated by the fostering service?	
C3.7	How many were initiated by the foster carer? For instance: retirement/ career change/ leaving fostering for other reasons. (Do not include transfers that are counted in C3.5 above).	

C4	Status of applications (excluding Family and Friends and Short Breaks only households)	Number
<b>This section includes outcomes of all applications which were concluded (or in progress) during the year ending 31 March 2015 - irrespective of when applications were received (i.e. this may include applications received before 1 April 2014).</b>		
C4.1	How many applications from prospective fostering households did you approve between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015?	

<b>C4.2</b>	How many applications to register as a fostering household were withdrawn by applicants between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015?		?
<b>C4.3</b>	How many applications to register as a fostering household were withdrawn by the service between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015?		?
<b>C4.4</b>	How many applications to register as a fostering household were rejected after being presented to panel between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015?		
<b>C4.5</b>	How many applications to register as a fostering household remained in progress as at 31 March 2015?		?
<b>Total number of applications concluded or in progress (C4):</b>			

<b>New two stage recruitment activity for fostering households (excluding Family and Friends and Short Breaks only households) between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015:</b>							?
Please indicate the number of potential and prospective families, by outcome or progress through the new recruitment process.							
<b>C5</b>	<b>Recruitment phase</b>	<b>Total number of potential or prospective fostering households at any point between 1 April 2014 until 31 March 2015, by stage of process</b>	<b>Households who completed recruitment process(es)</b>	<b>Households still in progress</b>	<b>Households who ceased the process</b>		
			<b>Number completed</b>	<b>Number not completed - still in progress (at 31 March 2015)</b>	<b>Number not completed - application ceased - agency decision</b>	<b>Number not completed - application ceased - fostering household withdrew</b>	
<b>C5.1</b>	Entry and information						?
<b>C5.2</b>	Stage 1						?
<b>C5.3</b>	Stage 2						?

<b>C6</b>	<b>Information about referrals to the independent review mechanism (IRM) between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>C6.1</b>	How many applications were made for a review to the IRM?	
<b>C6.2</b>	Of the applications made to the IRM (C5.2), how many resulted in a recommendation being made to your service to review your decision?	

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<b>C7</b>	<b>Information about training and development for all approved foster carers (at 31 March 2015)</b>	<b>Number</b>	?
<b>C7.1</b>	How many of your individual foster carers in total had successfully evidenced meeting the Department for Education's Training, Support and Development (TSD) Standards, as at the 31 March 2015?	TSD for foster carers	
<b>C7.2</b>		TSD for family and friends foster carers	
<b>C7.3</b>		TSD for short break foster carers	
<b>Total number of foster carers with completed TSD workbooks (C7):</b>			

**Section D: Information about the quality of care**

<b>D1</b>	<b>Information about allegations received between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015. For all allegations during the period, please provide:</b>	<b>Number</b>
	<b>Number of allegations</b>	

D1.1	The number of allegations against foster carers made by fostered children	
D1.2	The number of allegations against foster carers made by other sources	
<b>Total number of allegations made (D1.1 + D1.2):</b>		
D1.3	The number of children who have made allegations against their foster carers	
D1.4	The number of foster carers who have been subject to allegations	
<b>Information about the categories of alleged abuse</b>		
D1.5	Physical abuse	
D1.6	Sexual abuse	
D1.7	Neglect	
D1.8	Emotional abuse	
<b>Information about the actions resulting from allegations against foster carers</b>		
D1.9	How many referrals to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) did you make?	
D1.10	How many referrals to the local authority child protection team were made?	
D1.11	How many Section 47 enquiries were made?	
<b>Information about the outcome of investigations of allegations</b>		
D1.12	Concern(s) resolved - no further action	
D1.13	Continued monitoring for an agreed period	
D1.14	Concern remained, referred to fostering panel to review foster carer approval	
<b>Information about the timescales for investigations of allegations</b>		
D1.15	less than 21 working days	
D1.16	22-30 working days (4 - 6 weeks)	
D1.17	31-50 working days (6 - 10 weeks)	
D1.18	More than 50 working days (> 10 weeks)	

<b>D2</b>	<b>Information about restraint that occurred between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015</b> <b>(this information is not required for children using short break services)</b>	<b>Number</b>
D2.1	How many incidents of physical restraint by foster carers were recorded?	
D2.2	How many children/young people were subject to restraint?	
D2.3	How many foster carers restrained children/young people?	

<b>D3</b>	<b>Information about children/young people who went missing between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015</b> <b>Please calculate this as the total number of occasions children went missing i.e. where one child went missing on three separate occasions, this counts as three events in D7.1.</b> <b>(this information is not required for children using short break services)</b>
D3.1	How many times did children/young people go 'missing' whilst living with foster carers?
D3.2	How many children/young people does your answer in D3.1 refer to?

<b>D4</b>	<b>Information about the period of time a child/young person went or is missing between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015</b>	<b>Number of children</b>			
		<b>Less than 24 hours</b>	<b>1 to 6 days</b>	<b>One week to 28 days</b>	<b>Longer than 28 days</b>

<b>D4.1</b>	How many children/young people in D3.2 went missing for....? (Please make your answer an aggregate for each child/young person between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015. For children who were still missing as at 31 March 2015, please count the number of days that they were missing up to this point in time).					
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**Total number of children (D4.1):**

<b>D4.2</b>	How many children were still missing as at 31 March 2015?		
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<b>Information about the reasons why children/young people went missing between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015 (this information is not required for children using short break services)</b>		
<b>D5</b>	<b>Please indicate a total number of occasions that children/young people went missing, by reason for going missing. Please use the most prominent reason that children/young people went missing and assign a reason for each episode.</b>	<b>Number of occasions missing</b>
<b>D5.1</b>	bullying	
<b>D5.2</b>	involvement in offending behaviour	
<b>D5.3</b>	substance misuse	
<b>D5.4</b>	contact with family or friends including where a child/young person goes missing in order to have contact with their family or friends, go missing in order to avoid contact with family or friends or as a result of having contact with family or friends	
<b>D5.5</b>	alleged abuse within the foster home	
<b>D5.6</b>	they are an asylum seeker, for instance, including those who may have been refused leave to remain	
<b>D5.7</b>	suspected to be at risk of sexual exploitation	
<b>D5.8</b>	any other known reason (please state reason)	
<b>D5.9</b>	reason unknown	

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<b>Independent fostering agencies only</b>		
<b>D6</b>	<b>School registration</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
<b>D6.1</b>	Is your fostering agency also registered as a school?	
<b>D6.2</b>	If you answered 'yes' to question D10.1, what is the school's Department for Education unique reference number (URN)?	<b>URN</b>

<b>D7</b>	<b>Information about children and young people's education, for children who were in placements with your fostering service at any point between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015 (this information is not required for children using short break services)</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>D7.1</b>	How many children/young people have changed educational placement or school because of a foster placement change?	
<b>D7.2</b>	How many children/young people in foster care attended alternative educational provision?	
<b>D7.3</b>	How many children/young people in foster care had no educational arrangements?	
<b>D7.4</b>	How many children/young people in foster care had persistent absence from school?	



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**Section E: Complaints and concerns about the fostering service**

E1	Information about complaints made about the fostering agency or service (including foster carers) between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015	How many complaints did you receive?	How many of these were not upheld?
	From:	Number	Number
E1.1	children/young people		
E1.2	foster carers		
E1.3	children and young people's social workers		
E1.4	other professionals		
E1.5	children and young people's parents		
E1.6	others		

