**WBCIR:15360**

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding the average waiting time (number of days/weeks/months) for adopters.

1. The total number of children adopted in each of the last 5 years.

20/2021: 5

19/2020: 7

18/2019: 1

17/2018: 4

16/2017: 4

2. The total number of children in foster care in each of the last 5 years.

20/2021: 112

19/2020: 119

18/2019: 127

17/2018: 104

16/2017: 87

3. The total number of children under the age of 10 adopted in each of the last 5 years.

20/2021: 5

19/2020: 7

18/2019: 1

17/2018: 4

16/2017: 4

4. The total number of children under the age of 10 in care in each of the last 5 years.

20/2021: 60

19/2020: 67

18/2019: 68

17/2018: 47

16/2017: 25

5. The average length of time from parents’ application to a completed adoption in each of the last 5 years.

2020-21: 736 days

2019-20: 669 days

2018-19: 857 days

Please note:

It was not clear whether the question is referring to adoptive parent’s application to be assessed or their application to the court for an adoption order. However, we do not track the date that the application to court is submitted and have therefore averaged the time frame from the start of the assessment to adoption order.

We were also not sure whether the data requested was just in relation to adopters of Wokingham children, but not all of those adopters were from ATV, so it would be a challenge to find out the date of their individual assessment applications. Therefore, we have gathered data for all Berkshire adopters from 2018-2019 onwards. Unfortunately, our ATV spreadsheets do not go back further than this.

6. The average length of time from parents’ application to a completed adoption for children under the age of 10 in each of the last 5 years.

We do not keep this data and nor does ATV