**WBCIR:19129**

**1. As a month by month breakdown, how many children and young people have entered the care system in your area over the past five years?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *2024* | *2023* | *2022* | *2021* | *2020* |
| *January* | 8 | 5 | 8 | 13 | 2 |
| *February* | 8 | 8 | 11 | 1 | 0 |
| *March* | 3 | 8 | 14 | 3 | 7 |
| *April* | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 9 |
| *May* | 1 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| *June* | 1 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 2 |
| *July* | 4 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 0 |
| *August* | 3 | 8 | 4 | 13 | 3 |
| *September* | 3 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 2 |
| *October* | 10 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| *November* | 18 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| *December* | 0 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 10 |

**2. As a month by month breakdown, how many children/young people who are living with a disability have entered the care system in your area in the following years?**

*The Equality Act 2010 defines a disability as constituting a 'physical or mental impairment' the impairment 'has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *2024* | *2023* | *2022* | *2021* | *2020* |
| *January* | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| *February* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *March* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *April* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *May* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| *June* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *July* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *August* | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| *September* | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| *October* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *November* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *December* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**3. How many foster carers do you currently have in your area?**

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**4. How many foster carers do you currently have in your area who are able to provide the types of foster care listed below. Please enter the total number of carers available, including those currently fostering children and those not.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Type of foster care** | **Number of carers in your area** |
| Short term  | 25 |
| Long term | 15 |
| Respite | 31 |
| Emergency | 13 |
| Remand |  |
| Fostering siblings | 14 |
| Bridge to foster |  |
| Parent and child | 1 |
| Fostering a baby | 2 |
| Fostering those with a disability | 3 |
| Fostering teenagers | 42 |
| Fostering unaccompanied children e.g. asylum seekers | 42 |
| Staying put |  |
| Therapeutic |  |
| Other |  |

**5. Has your council seen an increase in the demand for foster carers for children/young people who are living with a disability in the last 12 months?**

Yes.