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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI512679926

Thank you for your request for information relating to Children and Families Across Borders.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. The number of Looked After Children within your local authority who were identified as having a British citizenship, each calendar year between January 2020 - December 2022 inclusive.**

- 2a. The number of Looked After Children within your local authority who were identified as having a non-British citizenship, each calendar year between January 2020 - December 2022 inclusive.**

- b. The citizenships of those Looked After Children who were listed as non-British, each calendar year between January 2020 – December 2022.**

- 3. The total number of Looked After Children within your local authority, who were identified as having family members outside of the United Kingdom who could act as potential carers for the child in question, for each calendar year between January 2020 – December 2022 inclusive.**

In relation to this question, please include both:

- children where an assessment of a family member outside the UK was considered but not actually carried out; and**

• children where an assessment of a family member outside the UK was carried out.

4. The number of Looked After Children under your local authority care who were placed with family members outside the United Kingdom for each calendar year between January 2020 - December 2022 inclusive.

5. The numbers and types of court orders used to place Looked After Children from your local authority care with family members outside the United Kingdom for each calendar year between January 2020 - December 2022 inclusive.

A) Child Arrangements Orders

B) Special Guardianship Orders

C) Care Orders / Interim Care Orders

D) Other (please specify)

E) No order

6. The number of Looked After Children provided with post-placement support services by the local authority following a placement with a family member / kinship carer outside of the UK, including financial support for their carers between January 2020 - December 2022 inclusive.

Please see the attached document.

For Question 3, we hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

This information is not held in an existing reportable format but can be retrieved from individual files. In order to answer this part of your request, an officer would need to manually trawl through each relevant children's record. Due to the number of records held, we have estimated it will exceed 18 hours work. This part of your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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1. The number of Looked After Children within your local authority who were identified as having a British citizenship, each calendar year between January 2020 - December 2022 inclusive.

Response:

Year	Number of looked after children with British nationality
2020	859
2021	825
2022	777

2a. The number of Looked After Children within your local authority who were identified as having a non-British citizenship, each calendar year between January 2020 - December 2022 inclusive.

Response:

Year	Number of looked after children with non-British nationality
2020	138
2021	170
2022	216

b. The citizenships of those Looked After Children who were listed as non-British, each calendar year between January 2020 – December 2022.

Response:

The nationalities of non-British nationality looked after children were as follows:

Year: 2020

Nationality	Number of children
Afghan	14
African	9
Albanian	3
Bangladeshi	2
Cameroonian	2
Caribbean	2
Chinese	1
Czechoslovakian	7
Dual	3
Eritrean	3
Georgian	1
Greek	1
Irish	1
Iranian	4
Iraqi	3

Italian	6
Kurd	7
Lithuanian	2
Mauritian	1
Nigerian	7
Pakistani	4
Polish	8
Romanian	17
Slovakian	3
Slovenian	1
Somali	3
Sri Lankan	8
Sudanese	5
Syrian	2
Vietnamese	7
Zimbabwean	1

Year: 2021

Nationality	Number of children
Afghan	18
African	12
Albanian	1
American	1
Bangladeshi	1
Cameroonian	2
Caribbean	2
Chinese	2
Chilean	2
Czechoslovakian	7
Dual	3
Eritrean	6
Gambian	2
Greek	1
Irish	1
Iranian	14
Iraqi	3
Italian	6
Kenyan	1
Kurd	8
Latvian	4
Lithuanian	2
Mauritian	1
Nigerian	7
Pakistani	6
Polish	12

Romanian	15
Slovakian	3
Somali	2
Spanish	5
Sri Lankan	1
Sudanese	6
Syrian	4
Vietnamese	8
Zimbabwean	1

Year: 2022

Nationality	Number of children
Afghan	33
African	14
Albanian	6
American	1
Cameroonian	1
Caribbean	2
Chinese	1
Czechoslovakian	7
Dual	2
Eritrean	8
Ethiopian	1
Gambian	2
Georgian	1
Indian	1
Iranian	22
Iraqi	7
Italian	11
Kenyan	1
Kurd	7
Latvian	9
Lithuanian	1
Nigerian	4
Portuguese	3
Pakistani	5
Polish	16
Romanian	10
Slovakian	3
Somali	2
Spanish	4
Sudanese	18
Syrian	5
Turkish	1
Vietnamese	7

3. The total number of Looked After Children within your local authority, who were identified as having family members outside of the United Kingdom who could act as potential carers for the child in question, for each calendar year between January 2020 to December 2022 inclusive.

In relation to this question, please include both:

- children where an assessment of a family member outside the UK was considered but not actually carried out; and
- children where an assessment of a family member outside the UK was carried out.

Response:

This information is not held in a reportable format. See covering letter.

4. The number of Looked After Children under your local authority care who were placed with family members outside the United Kingdom for each calendar year between January 2020 - December 2022 inclusive.

Response:

Year	Number of looked after children placed with family members outside the UK
2020	1
2021	1
2022	1

5. The numbers and types of court orders used to place Looked After Children from your local authority care with family members outside the United Kingdom for each calendar year between January 2020 - December 2022 inclusive.

- A) Child Arrangements Orders
- B) Special Guardianship Orders
- C) Care Orders / Interim Care Orders
- D) Other (please specify)
- E) No order

Response:

Year	Child Arrangement Order	Special Guardianship Order	Care order / interim care order	Other	No order
2020		1			
2021	1				
2022		1			

6. The number of Looked After Children provided with post-placement support services by the local authority following a placement with a family member / kinship carer outside of the UK, including financial support for their carers between January 2020 - December 2022 inclusive.

Response:

- 2020 – Latvia – 1 child / legal order – SGO
- 2021 – Romania – 1 child / legal order - CAO
- 2022 – Sweden – 1 child / legal order - SGO