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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to Transracial Adoption.

You have requested the following information:

1. The number of transracial adoption placements by your local authority in the financial year 2023/24.

Of 36 placements made in 2023/24, five were transracial.

Please note: Transracial placements are considered those in which the adopted child did not have a full ethnic / cultural match with the adoptive parent(s).

General notes on response for Questions 2 to Question 4.

- The statistics for adoptions are published by Coram-I and can be found at: <https://coram-i.org.uk/resources/asglb/>
- Information is available for the statutory year to Dec 2023 i.e., 2023/24 Q1-Q3.
- Information spanning the full statutory year 2023/24 is due for submission to Coram-I.
- The report containing details for adoption agencies in England spanning 2023/24 and is likely to be published by Coram-I in July 2024

2. The percentage of white children in care placed for adoption in the financial year 2023/24 and the percentage of black children in care placed for adoption in the financial year 2023/24, by your local authority.

Of the 36 placements made in 2023/24, 28 (70%) were for white children and three (8%) were for

black children. Note that the count for black children includes any of the following ethnicities as laid out by the Department for Education for ethnicity recording purposes:

Black African, Black Caribbean, Any other Black background, White and Black African, White and Black Caribbean.

3. The percentage of white children in care that you have currently with an adoption plan and the percentage of black that you have children in care currently with an adoption plan.

As at 31 March 2024, there were 59 children in care with an adoption plan. Of these, 48 (81%) were white children and 2 (3%) were black children.

Note that the count for black children includes any of the following ethnicities as laid out by the Department for Education for ethnicity recording purposes:

Black African, Black Caribbean, Any other Black background, White and Black African, White and Black Caribbean.

4. The average amount of time in your Local Authority that white children in care with an adoption plan have been waiting for a placement and average amount of time that black children in care with an adoption plan have been waiting for placement.

Excluding children granted adoption orders in 2023/24, the average amount of time that white children waited for a placement or remained waiting for a placement in 2023/24 was 201 days. The average amount of time that black children waited for a placement or remained waiting for a placement in 2023/24 was 296 days.

Note that the count for black children includes any of the following ethnicities as laid out by the Department for Education for ethnicity recording purposes:

Black African, Black Caribbean, Any other Black background, White and Black African, White and Black Caribbean.

5. Do you have a policy for requiring an ethnic match for adoption placement? If not, do you have a policy for preference for an ethnic match for adoption placement? Do you have a policy for preference for an ethnic match for adoption placement even if this results in a delay. Please provide a copy of your policy.

The information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link for details relating to ethnic matches for adoption placements:

<https://www.aceadoption.com>

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

Yours faithfully

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