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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI610798012

Thank you for your request for information relating to Children in care who re-entered care. We apologise for the delay.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. The total number of children you currently have in care.**
- 2. The percentage of the children currently in care who have re-entered care after reunification with their birth parent(s) and/or a special guardianship with another relative.**
- 3. The percentage of the children currently in care who have re-entered care after reunification with their birth parent(s) and/or a special guardianship with another relative and who have re-entered care due to abuse or neglect.**
- 4. The percentage of the children currently in care who have re-entered care after adoption.**
- 5. The percentage of the children currently in care after adoption who have re-entered care after adoption and who have re-entered care due to abuse or neglect.**

Please see the attached document with our responses.

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

Yours faithfully

Information Governance

FOI610798012 - Children in care who re-entered care

1. The total number of children you currently have in care.

As of 31 May 2024, there were 665 children in care.

2. The percentage of the children currently in care who have re-entered care after reunification with their birth parent(s) and/or a special guardianship with another relative.

84 (12.6%) children have re-entered care in which the end reason for leaving the prior period of care was as follows:

Reason for end of prior period of care for children currently in care	% of children in care
E13 - Left care to live with parents, relatives, or other person with no parental responsibility	3.2
E4 - Returned home to live with parents (no order)	2.9
E41 - Returned home - Child Arrangement Order, Formally Residence Order	1.8
E43 - Special guardianship order made to former foster carers	0.2
E44 - Special guardianship order made to carers other than former foster carers	0.5
E45 - Special guardianship made to former foster carer(s), who were a relative or friend	0.2
E4A - Planned return home to live with parents (no order)	22
E4B - Unplanned return home to live with parents (no order)	0.2

Note: analysis to respond to the specific categories in the question would exceed the statutory time limit in providing a response.

3. The percentage of the children currently in care who have re-entered care after reunification with their birth parent(s) and/or a special guardianship with another relative and who have re-entered care due to abuse or neglect.

Of the 665 children in care re-entering care in the categories described in Q2 response above, 75 (11.3%) have a category of need of abuse or neglect.

4. The percentage of the children currently in care who have re-entered care after adoption.

0.15% of children in care were previously adopted.

5. The percentage of the children currently in care after adoption who have re-entered care after adoption and who have re-entered care due to abuse or neglect.

0.15% of children in care were previously adopted and re-entered care due a categorisation of abuse or neglect.