

4 October 2021

Looked After Children

Please note: Belfast Trust can provide data requested up to 31 March 2021. This information has been collated, been subject to a rigorous quality assurance process by the Health and Social Care Board and been published.

Data as of 3 September 2021 has not yet been collated or quality assured by the Trust or the Health and Social Care Board and this will not be available or published until early next year.

1. As of 3 September 2021, how many looked after children are in the care of your local authority?

875 Looked After Children as of 31 March 2021

2a. As of 3 September 2021, how many sibling groups are in the care of your local authority?

232 sibling groups as of 31 March 2021

2b. What is the total number of children in the sibling groups identified in response to Q2a?:

Belfast Trust does not hold centrally hold data on the total number of children in care in sibling groups and to undertake this exercise would necessitate a manual trawl of records. We estimate that compliance with this request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

3. How many sibling groups are all placed together?

124 as of 31 March 2021

4. How many children in your care, who are part of a sibling group, are not living with at least one of their siblings?

108 as of 31 March 2021

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5a. As of 3rd September 2021, how many approved foster carers (understanding this as households, including all approved) do you have?

572 as of the 31 March 2021

5b. As of 3rd September 2021, how many of those approved foster carers (understanding this as households) do you have currently looking after children?

537 as of 31 March 2021