



Our ref: 78660131
11 November 2025



I can confirm that the information requested is held by Birmingham Children's Trust. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

1) How many foster carers / families do you currently need in your Local Authority area?

We currently need carers for 1582 young people

2) Of the carers identified in Q1, how many are needed to support children from the following groups:

- Different ethnicities
- Different faiths/religions
- Children with disabilities

Ethnicity	
Asian	175
Black	126
Mixed	389
Not recorded	84
Other	68
White	740

Religion	
Christian	52
Christian - Catholic	53
Christian - Church of England	83
Christian - Protestant	22
Christian - Seventh Day Adventists	≤5
Hindu	≤5
Jewish	≤5
Muslim	250
No Religion	737
Other Religion	74
Rastafarian	≤5
Religion Not Stated	6
Roman Catholic	17
Sikh	11
Not recorded	268
Children with disabilities	
a) Yes	161
b) No	1419
c) Unknown	≤5

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On balance, we consider the detriment to privacy through disclosure outweighs the interest that would be served. Accordingly, disclosure would be in contravention of the First Data Protection Principle. It is therefore appropriate for us to withhold this information under section 40(2) (*Personal information*) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) by virtue of section 40(3A)(a). We are therefore exempting this part of the request under section 40(2) of the Act by virtue of section 40(3A)(a) of the same Act.

3) Please confirm the number of children and young people in foster care placements in your Local Authority area during the following years:

**Total aggregate number
2024 (1 January to 31 December)**

2439

2025 (1 January to 30 September)

2392

4) Please confirm the number of children in foster care placements within your Local Authority for the years 2024 (to 31 December) and 2025 (to 30 September) broken down by:

- **Ethnicity**
- **Religion/faith**
- **Disability status**

Ethnicity:

2024	
Asian/Asian British	286
Black/Black British	195
Mixed	587
Not stated / unknown	47
Other	143
White	1181

2025	
Asian/Asian British	290
Black/Black British	211
Mixed	563
Not stated / unknown	56
Other	144
White	1128

Religion:

2024	
Buddhist	≤5
Christian	338
Hind	≤5
Jewish	≤5
Muslim	407
Not stated / unknown	1557
Other	117
Sikh	13

2025	
Buddhist	≤5
Christian	344
Hindu	≤5
Jewish	≤5
Muslim	414
Not stated / unknown	1501
Other	113
Sikh	14

Disability:

2024	
Yes	257

No	2182
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2025	
Yes	241
No	2151

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If you are dissatisfied with our response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days from the date this authority issued its initial response. Please outline which part of the response you are not happy with setting out your reasons. This request should be addressed to:

Corporate Information Governance Team
PO Box 16366
Birmingham
B2 2YY
Email: infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk

If you are still dissatisfied with the Birmingham Children's Trust's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office

Website: www.ico.org.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely,



Disclosure Officer

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