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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI406801193**

Thank you for your request for information relating to child adoption figures.

You have requested the following information:

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding the average waiting time (number of days/weeks/months) for adopters.**

**1. The total number of children adopted in each of the last 5 years.**

2017-18: 29

2018-19: 36

2019-20: 31

2020-21: 19

2021-22 (Up to Quarter 3): 32

**2. The total number of children in foster care in each of the last 5 years.**

2017-18: 473

2018-19: 497

2019-20: 508

2020-21: 543

The information you requested is being withheld as it falls under the exemption(s) in Section 22 of

the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to Information Intended for Future Publication. The data for the final quarter of 2021/22 will be available after June 2022.

**3. The total number of children under the age of 10 adopted in each of the last 5 years.**

2017-18: 28  
2018-19: 36  
2019-20: 30  
2020-21: 19  
2021-22 (Up to Quarter 3): 32

**4. The total number of children under the age of 10 in care in each of the last 5 years.**

2017-18: 473  
2018-19: 497  
2019-20: 508  
2020-21: 543

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**5. The average length of time from parents' application to a completed adoption in each of the last 5 years.**

**6. The average length of time from parents' application to a completed adoption for children under the age of 10 in each of the last 5 years.**

For Questions 5 and 6, we confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

ACE Adoption is responsible for the adoption process for Coventry adoptions.

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Yours faithfully

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