

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND HOUSING
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2020**

Question

Will the Minister advise members how many children in the years 2016 to 2019 were –

- (a) placed on an ‘at risk’ register;
- (b) taken into care;
- (c) taken into foster care; or
- (d) adopted?

Answer

The numbers requested are shown below:

The number of child protection plans provided is the number of plans that commenced during the year, as opposed to the total number of children subject to a child protection plan at any one time, which would fluctuate during the year.

Please note that the numbers placed in foster care are also included in the numbers of children becoming looked after.

We are only able to provide the numbers placed in foster care as an initial placement when a child becomes looked after – this data does not include any later moves to foster care for a child who is already looked after. This data would be available for 2018 onwards as this was the first full year of data on Mosaic (the social care case management system used by the Children’s Service).

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of new Child Protection Plans starting in the year	93	101	108	116
Number of children becoming looked after (new episode)	22	44	45	29
Number of children placed in foster care	19 (of which 7 were with family/friends)	31 (of which 16 were with family/friends)	34 (of which 11 were with family/friends)	18 (of which 8 were with family/friends)
Number of children adopted	6	Less than 5	5	8