



798
Children in Care

An increase of **1 Children in Care** since 31 January 2024

Children in Care Placement Type

WCC Foster Carer (inc Family and Friends carers)
310 children (38.8%); which is an increase of 1 child on the previous month end.

Placed for Adoption
23 children (2.9%) of all CiC at 29/02/2024; an increase of 4 children since 31/01/2024.

Agency Foster Carer
197 CiC (24.7%); an increase of 12 children since 31/01/2024

Residential Home or Supported Accommodation
171 children (21.4%); a decrease of 6 children since 31/01/2024

No. Children in Care - Monthly trend

	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24
ALL CiC (Including Asylum Seekers)	801	-10	+6	+7	-7	+1 798
ALL CiC (Excluding Asylum Seekers)	684	-12	+5	+3	+5	+2 687

At 29 February 2024, Warwickshire's Children in Care population increased by 1 to 798, whilst the no. of CiC excluding asylum seekers increased by 2 to 687.

630 CiC target for 2023/24 **630**

Legal Status of Children in Care as at 29 February 2024

52.1% (416) of CiC are on a **Full Care Order**; this is a decrease of 3 children since 31/01/2024.

10.0% (80) of CiC are on an **Interim Care Order**; this is an increase of 5 children since the previous month end.

5.1% (41) of CiC are on a **Placement Order**; this is an increase of two children since 31/01/2024.

32.5% (259) of CiC are subject to **S20 Accommodation**; this is a decrease of two children since the end of January 2024.

Leaving Care Activity Status

As at 29 February 2024, of those Relevant and Former Relevant Care Leavers (aged 16 - 21) ...

- 87.6%** had a contact within the last 8 weeks
- 82.5%** were in suitable accommodation
- 48.4%** were in EET (Employment, Education & Training)

CiC out of county as at 31st December 2023
18.3%
(147) of CiC were placed outside the LA boundary and more than 20 miles from where they used to live
NB. Please note that this is a quarterly measure

CiC 'Missing' or 'Away from placement without authorisation'

34 children in care were missing (87 missing episodes)

During February 2024 there were **87 episodes** of a child missing or away from their placement without authorisation. This related to **34 individual children** with **14 children** having multiple missing episodes during the month.

Gender

62.8% (501) Male

37.2% (297) Female

0 'Indeterminate'

Ethnicity

1/4 (28.4%) of Children in Care (Including Asylum Seekers) are **Minority Ethnic (227)**;

71.6% (571) are of White ethnicity

Allocated Team

13.9% (111) of Children in Care are Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers

5.4% (43) are allocated to the Children with Disability teams

26.8% (214) are allocated to the CiC 14-18 Years Team

86.7% of Children in Care at 29 February 2024 have had a 'completed' health assessment in the last 12 months

Age breakdown of the 798 children

3.5% (28) 0 years old	13.2% (105) aged 1 - 4	16.8% (134) aged 5 - 9	37.3% (298) aged 10 - 15	29.2% (233) aged 16 - 17
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% of CiC accommodated during the month (who remained accommodated) and who had their IHA within 20 working days (Monthly trend)

