

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of foster homes and children in placement

As at	31 December 2016	31 December 2017	31 December 2018
Number of foster families	901	876	885
Number of children in placement (Note)	910	881	892

Note: Suitable foster families may take care of more than one foster child.

Table 2: Average number of children on the waiting list for foster care service, average number of waiting time and duration of stay with foster family

Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (as at December 2018)
Number of children on the waiting list (monthly average)	24	23	19
Average waiting time (in months)	1.7	1.5	2.0
Average duration of stay (in months)	22.5	33	27.5