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Appendices



Understanding formal kinship care arrangements in England - Appendices

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Appendix 1 - Demographic characteristics

Gender

Table A1.1: Gender breakdown of children in different types of care in 2019/20

Gender	Children who lived in kinship foster care in 2019/20	Children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20	All children in care in 2019/20
Boys	51% (9,650)	49% (1,600)	57% (61,370)
Girls	49% (9,310)	51% (1,680)	43% (47,180)
Sample size	18,962	3,277	108,552

Table A1.2: Gender breakdown of children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have been in different types of care

Gender	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care
Boys	50% (1,840)	49% (360)	59% (13,240)
Girls	50% (1,830)	51% (370)	41% (9,200)
Sample size	3,676	724	22,431



Ethnicity

Table A1.3: The percentage of children within major ethnic groups living in kinship care and any type of care in 2019/20

Major ethnic group	Children who lived in kinship foster care in 2019/20	Children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20	All children in care in 2019/20
Asian	3% (520)	2% (60)	5% (5,560)
Black	4% (790)	4% (140)	8% (9,000)
Mixed origin	11% (2060)	12% (400)	10% (10,450)
Other ethnic origin	1% (170)	1% (30)	4% (4,640)
White	80% (15,260)	80% (2,610)	72% (77,830)
Sample size	18,962	3,277	108,552

Table A1.4: The percentage of children within major ethnic groups of children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and ever lived in kinship care or any type of care

Major ethnic group	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care
Asian	5% (160)	x	8% (1,860)
Black	7% (270)	7% (50)	14% (3,130)
Mixed origin	10% (350)	10% (70)	8% (1,790)
Other ethnic origin	1% (50)	x	8% (1,710)
White	77% (2,850)	79% (570)	62% (13,830)
Sample size	3,676	724	22,431



Ethnicity x Gender

Table A1.5: The gender breakdown of children within each major ethnic group for children in different types of care in 2019/20

Major ethnic group	Children who lived in kinship foster care in 2019/20		Children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20		All children in care in 2019/20	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Asian	54% (280)	46% (240)	48% (30)	52% (30)	62% (3,470)	38% (2,090)
Black	51% (400)	49% (390)	56% (80)	44% (60)	66% (5,940)	34% (3,060)
Mixed origin	50% (1,030)	50% (1,030)	45% (180)	55% (220)	54% (5,650)	46% (4,810)
Other ethnic origin	58% (100)	42% (70)	50% (10)	50% (10)	80% (3,730)	20% (910)
White	51% (7,760)	49% (7,500)	49% (1,280)	51% (1,330)	54% (41,990)	46% (35,840)
Sample size	9,660	9,320	1,600	1,680	61,380	47,190



Table A1.6: The gender breakdown of children within each major ethnic group for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have lived in different types of care

Major ethnic group	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care		Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian		Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Asian	50% (80)	50% (80)	x	x	64% (1,190)	36% (670)
Black	53% (140)	47% (130)	47% (30)	53% (30)	69% (2,160)	31% (970)
Mixed origin	53% (180)	47% (160)	51% (40)	49% (30)	76% (1,010)	24% (780)
Other ethnic origin	61% (30)	39% (20)	x	x	85% (1,450)	15% (260)
White	49% (1400)	51% (1450)	49% (280)	51% (300)	53% (7,340)	47% (6,490)
Sample size	1,840	1,830	360	370	13,240	9,200



Special Educational Needs

Table A1.7: Prevalence of special educational needs for children who lived in different types of care in 2019/20

	Children who lived in kinship foster care in 2019/20	Children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20	All children in care in 2019/20
Never SEN identified	27% (5,200)	23% (770)	20% (21,270)
Ever SEN identified	45% (8,460)	27% (890)	53% (57,530)
Unknown due to missing data	27% (5,308)	49% (1,620)	27% (29,774)
Sample size	18,962	3,277	108,552

Table A1.8: Prevalence of special educational needs for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in different types of care

	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care
Never SEN identified	16% (600)	20% (150)	14% (3,090)
Ever SEN identified	65% (2,400)	75% (540)	50% (11,280)
Unknown due to missing data	18% (670)	5% (33)	36% (8,056)
Sample size	3,676	724	22,431



Table A1.9: The proportion of children in different types of care in 2019/20 who have ever been recorded as receiving support for particular SEN as their primary need

Type of SEN	Children who lived in kinship foster care in 2019/20	Children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20	All children in care in 2019/20
Autism Spectrum Disorder	2% (320)	1% (30)	4% (3,830)
Speech, language & communication needs	9% (1,870)	7% (240)	11% (12,070)
Social, emotional & mental health difficulties	23% (4,430)	12% (390)	28% (30,880)
Specific or moderate learning difficulty	16% (3,100)	9% (300)	19% (20,490)
Severe learning difficulty	1% (260)	1% (30)	3% (3,520)
Sensory/Physical needs	2% (340)	1% (30)	2% (2,120)
Other SEN type	19% (3,710)	9% (280)	25% (27,250)
Unknown due to missing data	27% (5,308)	49% (1,620)	27% (29,774)
Sample size	18,962	3,277	108,552

Percentages may not sum to 100% because children can have zero recorded primary SEN types, or different recorded primary SEN types over multiple census years.



UASC

Table A1.10: Proportion of children in different types of care who have been identified as unaccompanied asylum seekers

	Children who lived in kinship foster care in 2019/20	Children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20	All children in care in 2019/20
Never identified as UASC	100% (18,890)	100% (3,277)	93% (100,650)
Ever identified as UASC	~ (70)	~ (0)	7% (7,900)
Sample size	18,962	3,277	108,552

Table A1.11: Gender of children in care in 2019/20, broken down by whether or not they have been identified as unaccompanied asylum seekers.

Major ethnic group	Proportion of children who are boys	Sample size
Never identified as UASC	53% (54,240)	100,650
Ever identified as UASC	90% (7,130)	7,900



Table A1.12: Proportion of children in care in 2019/20 who have been identified as unaccompanied asylum seekers, broken down by major ethnic group

Major ethnic group	Proportion of children within ethnicity group who are UASC	Sample size*
Asian	31% (1,750)	5,560
Black	27% (2,450)	9,000
Mixed origin	1% (110)	10,450
Other ethnic origin	61% (2,870)	4,640
White	~ (610)	77,830
Overall	7% (7,900)	108,552

* Number of children in care in 2019/20 who are within this major ethnic group.



Free
FSM

Table A1.13: Free school meal eligibility for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and have ever lived in types of kinship care

	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian
Never been recorded as being eligible for free school meals in any school census	14% (490)	14% (100)
Ever been recorded as being eligible for free school meals in any school census	68% (2,520)	81% (590)
Unknown due to missing data	18% (671)	4% (33)
Sample size	3,676	724



Appendix 2 - Care Journeys

Age entering care

Table A2.1: Age distribution for care entry and specific care placement types for children in types of care in 2019/20

Sample	Measure	1st Quartile*	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile**	Sample size
All children in care in 2019/20	Age at first entry to care	2	6	7.1	12	108,552
Children who lived in kinship foster care in 2019/20	Age at first entry to care	1	5	5.5	9	18,962
	Age at first entry to kinship foster care	2	5	6.2	10	18,962
Children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20	Age at first entry to care	0	2	3.6	6	3,277
	Age when SGO granted	1	4	5.3	8	3,277

* 25% of the sample had this value of the measurement or less.

** 75% of the sample had this value of the measurement or less.



Table A2.2: Age distribution of children entering care for the first time for children who had kinship foster care placements or left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20

	Age at first entry to care for children who had a kinship foster care placement in 2019/20	Age at first entry to care for children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20
0	20% (3,830)	36% (1,190)
1–3	14% (4,260)	26% (810)
4–6	12% (3,440)	16% (520)
7–9	10% (3,030)	10% (340)
10–12	8% (2,400)	9% (279)
13–15	5% (1,790)	4% (130)
16+	1% (190)	~ (10)
Sample size	18,962	3,277



Table A2.3: Age distribution of children entering care for the first time for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and ever lived in kinship foster care placements or left care to a kinship special guardian

	Age at first entry to care for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	Age at first entry to care for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian
0	10% (340)	4% (30)
1–3	19% (730)	15% (110)
4–6	13% (480)	19% (140)
7–9	16% (610)	30% (210)
10–12	16% (580)	20% (140)
13–15	22% (790)	18% (130)
16+	4% (160)	2% (10)
Sample size	3,676	724



Table A2.4: Age distribution of children entering care for the first time for children who had kinship foster care placements or left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20

	Age at first entry to kinship foster care for children who lived in kinship foster care in 2019/20	Age when the SGO is granted for children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20
0	15% (2,920)	17% (570)
1–3	23% (4,370)	31% (1,030)
4–6	18% (3,400)	18% (580)
7–9	15% (3,010)	13% (450)
10–12	13% (2,490)	10% (330)
13+	15% (2,780)	9% (270)
Sample size	18,962	3,277



Table A2.5: Age distribution of children entering kinship care for the first time for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who lived in different types of kinship care

	Age at first entry to kinship foster care for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	Age when the SGO is granted for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian
0	6% (240)	0*
1–3	20% (740)	0*
4–6	13% (480)	15% (110)
7–9	15% (560)	23% (170)
10–12	15% (540)	27% (190)
13–15	22% (840)	28% (200)
16+	8% (320)	7% (50)
Sample size	3,676	724

* SGOs came into effect for application from 30 December 2005, when our birth cohort (who were born April 2001–March 2002) were aged 4–5, therefore it is not possible for a child in this sample to be age 0–3 at the time an SGO is granted.



Reason for entering care

Table A2.6: The percentage of children in different types of care in 2019/20 who entered care based on category of need

Reason for entering care	Children who lived in kinship foster care in 2019/20	Children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20	All children in care in 2019/20
Abuse or neglect	72% (13,620)	73% (2,400)	63% (68,280)
Child's disability or illness	1% (150)	x	3% (2,860)
Parental disability or illness	3% (660)	5% (150)	3% (3,070)
Family in acute stress	7% (1,270)	5% (180)	8% (8,370)
Family dysfunction	15% (2,920)	15% (480)	14% (14,950)
Socially unacceptable behaviour	1% (190)	1% (30)	2% (1,850)
Low income	~ (10)	x	~ (170)
Absent parenting	2% (300)	1% (30)	8% (9,010)
Sample size	18,962	3,277	108,552



Overall care history

Table A2.7: The number of placement moves children experience throughout their entire childhood, for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and experienced types of care

Number of placement moves experienced whilst in care*	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample size
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	0	2	2.88	4	3,676
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	0	1	1.61	2	724
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care	0	1	2.02	3	22,431

* We define a placement move as leaving one care placement to enter another care placement (i.e. the first and last care placement within a period of care do not count).

Table A2.8: The total time children spend in care throughout their entire childhood, for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and experienced types of care

Total time spent in care (days)	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample size
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	291	766	1,306	1,847	3,676
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and ever left care to a kinship special guardian	271	565	1,025	1,484	724
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care	182	573	1,033	1,319	22,431



Table A2.9: The percentage of children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever lived in different types of care who entered care based on category of need

Reason for entering care	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care
Abuse or neglect	67% (2,480)	66% (480)	50% (11,160)
Child's disability or illness	1% (50)	x	3% (670)
Parental disability or illness	4% (140)	4% (30)	4% (820)
Family in acute stress	8% (280)	7% (50)	9% (2,100)
Family dysfunction	16% (570)	17% (130)	12% (2,780)
Socially unacceptable behaviour	1% (50)	x	3% (730)
Low income	~ (10)	x	~ (60)
Absent parenting	2% (90)	2% (10)	18% (4,100)
Sample size	3,676	724	22,431



Before entering kinship care

Episodes before entering kinship care for the first time

Table A2.10: Distribution of the number of placements before the first kinship care placement for children who lived in different types of kinship care in 2019/20

	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample size
Number of episodes before entering kinship foster care for the first time for children who lived in kinship foster care in 2019/20	0	1	1.15	2	18,962
Number of episodes before SGO is granted for children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20 ¹	0	0	0.79	1	3,277

Table A2.11: Distribution of the number of placements before the first kinship care placement for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and ever experienced different types of kinship care

	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample
Number of episodes before entering kinship foster care for the first time for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and ever lived in kinship foster care	0	0	1.10	1	3,676
Number of episodes before SGO is granted for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and ever left care to a kinship special guardian	0	1	1.10	2	724

¹ Excluding the final placement a child is in immediately prior to the SGO being granted.



Table A2.12: Number of placements a child experiences before their first kinship care placement for children who lived in different types of kinship care in 2019/20

Number of placements (episodes of care before the first kinship care placement)	Children who lived in kinship foster care in 2019/20	Children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20 ²
0	50% (9,450)	54% (1,760)
1	24% (4,580)	27% (900)
2	12% (2,370)	12% (380)
3	6% (1,080)	4% (150)
4	3% (560)	2% (60)
5	2% (300)	1% (20)
6–9	2% (460)	x
10+	1% (160)	x
Sample size	18,962	3,277

² Excluding the final placement a child is in immediately prior to the SGO being granted.



Table A2.13: Number of placements a child experiences before their first kinship care placement for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and experienced different types of kinship care

Number of placements (episodes of care before the first kinship care placement)	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian ³
0	56% (2,060)	48% (350)
1	21% (780)	23% (170)
2	9% (340)	15% (110)
3	5% (200)	8% (60)
4	2% (90)	3% (20)
5	1% (50)	2% (20)
6–9	3% (110)	x
10+	1% (20)	x
Sample size	3,676	724

³ Excluding the final placement a child is in immediately prior to the SGO being granted.



Periods of care before entering kinship care for the first time

Table A2.14: Distribution of the number of periods of care children experience before the period of care in which they have their first kinship care placement for children who lived in different types of kinship care in 2019/20

	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample
Children who lived in kinship foster care in 2019/20	0*	1	1.15	2	18,962
Children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20	0	0	0.09	0	3,277

* 0 indicates where a child had their first kinship care placement in their first period of care, i.e. had 0 prior periods of care before their first kinship care placement.

Table A2.15: Distribution of the number of periods of care children experience before the period of care in which they have their first kinship care placement for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in different types of kinship care

	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	0	0	0.14	0	3,676
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	0	0	0.15	0	724



Table A2.16: The number of periods of care children had before the period of care in which they had their first kinship care placement for children who lived in different types of kinship care in 2019/20

Number of periods before the first kinship care placement	Children who lived in kinship foster care in 2019/20	Children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20
0	89% (16,880)	92% (3,010)
1	9% (1,780)	7% (230)
2	1% (230)	x
3	~ (50)	x
4	x	~ (0)
5+	x	~ (0)
Sample size	18,962	3,277



Table A2.17: The number of periods of care children had before the period of care in which they had their first kinship care placement for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in different types of kinship care

Number of periods before the first kinship care placement	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian
0	89% (3,290)	88% (630)
1	8% (300)	10% (80)
2	1% (50)	2% (10)
3	x	x
4	x	x
Sample size	3,676	724



Placements before kinship care

Table A2.18: Placements experienced by children before their first kinship foster care placement for children who were in their first kinship foster placement in 2019/20

Types of placements before entering kinship care	Children who lived in kinship foster care in 2019/20
Non-kin foster care	33% (5,160)
Placement with someone who has parental responsibility	8% (1,170)
Independent living	1% (80)
Residential care	2% (340)
Residential health	3% (470)
Other residential care	2% (290)
Placement for adoption	x
Secure unit	~ (20)
Young offenders institute/Prison	x
Other placement**	1% (190)
Sample size	15,540

Placements have been excluded where 1) 0 children experienced a particular placement type or 2) where statistical disclosure policies prevent revealing headcounts and percentages. Placement types excluded are: child's whereabouts unknown, residential employment, temporary accommodation, and child is in refuge. The sample size differs from the overall sample size of the snapshot as it only considers those children who were in their first kinship foster placement in 2019/20, rather than in any kinship foster placement.

** Placements with code Z1: Other placements (must be listed on a schedule sent to DfE with annual submission)



Table A2.19: Placements experienced by children before a child leaves care by SGO granted to kin, for children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20

	Placements experienced by children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20, excluding the placement they had immediately before leaving care	The last placement children experienced by children leaving care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20
Non-kin foster care	32% (1,050)	18% (590)
Kinship foster care	12% (380)	77% (2,530)
Placement with someone who has parental responsibility	6% (210)	1% (30)
Residential care	1% (20)	x
Residential health	5% (180)	x
Other residential care	3% (110)	x
Other placement**	1% (30)	4% (120)
Sample size	3,277	3,277

Placements have been excluded where 1) 0 children experienced a particular placement type or 2) where statistical disclosure policies prevent revealing headcounts and percentages. Placement types excluded are: secure unit, young offenders' institute, independent living, placement for adoption, temporary accommodation, in refuge, residential employment.

** Placements with code Z1: Other placements (must be listed on a schedule sent to DfE with annual submission)



Table A2.20: CLA Dataset codes for kinship foster care placements experienced in 2019/20

CLA Dataset code	Children who lived in kinship foster care in 2019/20
U3 (Fostering placement with relative(s) or friend(s) who is/are not long-term or fostering for adoption /concurrent planning)	63% (11,990)
U1 (Foster placement with relative(s) or friend(s) – long term fostering)	36% (6,870)
U2 (Fostering placement with relative(s) or friend(s) who is/are also an approved adopter(s) – fostering for adoption/concurrent planning)	~ (90)
F1 (Foster care placement with relative or friend inside the LA boundary)*	x
Q1 (Foster care placement with relative or friend outside the LA boundary)*	x
Sample size	3,277

* Code no longer in use; used for placements beginning 2001–2008.

** Code no longer in use; used for placements beginning 2009–2014.



Table A2.21: Placement codes for the final placement experienced by children before leaving care to a kinship special guardian, for children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20

Placement code of a child's final care placement before SGO is granted	Children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20
U3 (Fostering placement with relative(s) or friend(s) who is/are not long-term or fostering for adoption /concurrent planning)	56% (1,830)
U1 (Foster placement with relative(s) or friend(s) – long term fostering)	21% (680)
U6 (Foster placement with other foster carer(s) – not long term or fostering for adoption /concurrent planning)	15% (510)
Z1 (Other placements (must be listed on a schedule sent to DfE with annual submission))	4% (120)
U4 (Foster placement with other foster carer(s) – long term fostering)	2% (80)
P1 (Placed with own parent(s) or other person(s) with parental responsibility)	1% (30)
U2 (Fostering placement with relative(s) or friend(s) who is/are also an approved adopter(s) – fostering for adoption/concurrent planning)	~ (10)
Sample size	3,277



Table A2.22: Breakdown of all SGOs granted in 2019/20

CLA Dataset code	Children who left care by a Special Guardianship Order in 2019/20
E45* (Special guardianship order made to former foster carer(s), who was/are a relative(s) or friend(s))	58% (2,160)
E46 (Special guardianship order made to former foster carer(s), other than relative(s) or friend(s))	8% (330)
E47* (Special guardianship order made to carer(s), other than former foster carer(s), who was/are a relative(s) or friend(s))	30% (1,120)
E48 (Special guardianship order made to carer(s), other than former foster carer(s), other than relative(s) or friend(s))	2% (90)
Sample size	3,699

* Included in our definition of kinship SGO.



After entering kinship care for the first time

Length of time in placements

Table A2.23: Comparing the length of a child's first kinship foster care placement against their first placement of any other kind for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care

Number of days spent in first placement	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample size*
First kinship foster care placement	9.75	72	206	261	3,676
First care placement of any other type (if one exists)	67.5	197	539	484	2,570**

* Observational unit: care placements.

** Restricted to n=2,570 children who ever had a different placement type whilst in care.

Table A2.24: Comparing the length of kinship foster care placements against any other placement types for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care

Number of days spent in care placement	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample size*
Length of kinship foster care placements	67	201	549	500	4,550
Length of any other placement types	33	134	314	354	10,018**

* Observational unit: care placements.

** Restricted to n=2,570 children who ever had a different placement type whilst in care, who may have had multiple placements which were not kinship foster care.

Table A2.25: Comparing the length of time, throughout their childhood, children spend in kinship foster care compared to care placements of any other kind, for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care

Number of days spent in care	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample size*
All kinship foster care placements	99	256	682	658	3,676
All placements which are not kinship foster care	223	709	1,177	1,656	2,570**

* Observational units: aggregated care placements.

** Restricted to n=2,570 children who ever had a different placement type whilst in care.



Table A2.26: Reason kinship foster care placements end

Reason episode ceased	Number of kinship foster care placements ending in 2019/20
Remains in care - new episode	42% (3,500)
SGO granted	31% (2,620)
Returned to live with parents/relatives/someone with parental responsibility	11% (910)
Other	6% (490)
Residence Order/Child Arrangements Order	5% (390)
Left care to live with someone who does not have parental responsibility	4% (300)
Aged out/independent living but no longer looked after	2% (180)
Adoption order – application for an adoption order unopposed	x
Adoption order – consent dispense with by the court	x
Sample size*	8,390

* Observational unit: care placements.



Episodes after entering kinship care for the first time

Table A2.27: Distribution of the number of placements after the first kinship care placement for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever experienced types of kinship care

	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample size
Number of episodes after entering kinship foster care for the first time for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care.	0	1	1.78	2	3,676
Number of episodes after SGO is granted for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian.	0	0	0.51	0	724

Table A2.28: Number of placements a child experiences after their first kinship care placement for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever experienced types of kinship care

Number of placements	Number of placements after their first kinship foster care placement for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	Number of placements after SGO is granted for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian
0	46% (1,680)	85% (610)
1	18% (680)	5% (30)
2	12% (440)	4% (30)
3	7% (270)	2% (20)
4–5	8% (280)	3% (20)
6–10	7% (260)	x
11+	2% (70)	x
Sample size	3,676	724



Periods of care after entering kinship care for the first time

Table A2.29: Distribution of the number of periods of care children experience after the period of care in which they have their first kinship care placement for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in different types of kinship care

	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	0	0	0.16	0	3,676
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	0	0	0.15	0	724

Table A2.30: Number of periods of care a child experiences after their first kinship care placement for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever experienced types of kinship care

Number of placements	Number of periods of care after their first kinship foster care placement for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and ever lived in kinship foster care	Number of periods of care after SGO is granted for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian
0	87% (3,190)	85% (610)
1	11% (390)	13% (90)
2	2% (70)	2% (20)
Sample size	3,676	724



Placements after entering kinship care for the first time

Table A2.31: Placements experienced by children after their first kinship foster care placement for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and ever lived in kinship foster care

Types of placements after entering kinship care	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care
Non-kin foster care	30% (1,100)
Kinship foster care	18% (660)
Placement with someone who has parental responsibility	15% (540)
Independent living	11% (420)
Other residential care	10% (380)
Residential care	9% (320)
Placed for adoption with parent/guardian consent	3% (120)
Placed for adoption with a placement order	2% (70)
Young offenders institute/Prison	2% (70)
Residential health	2% (60)
Other placement*	1% (40)
0 subsequent placements**	46% (1,680)
Sample size	3,676

Placements have been excluded where 1) 0 children experienced a particular placement type or 2) where statistical disclosure policies prevent revealing headcounts and percentages. Placement types excluded are: child's whereabouts unknown, secure unit, residential employment, temporary accommodation, and child in refuge..

* Placements with code Z1: Other placements (must be listed on a schedule sent to DfE with annual submission)

** No recorded care placements after their first kinship foster care placement.



Transition from kinship foster care to kinship special guardianship

In 2019/20, 77% of children (n=2,524) leaving care to a kinship special guardian were in kinship foster care placements immediately before leaving care. Of children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and ever left care to a kinship special guardian, 85% (n=617) were living in kinship foster care immediately prior to the SGO being granted. This section expands on their care journey before the SGO is granted.

Table A2.32: Placements experienced before the final kinship foster care placement for children who left care from a kinship foster care placement to a kinship special guardian

Types of placements before the final kinship foster care placement	Children who left care from a kinship foster care placement to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever left care from a kinship foster care placement to a kinship special guardian
Non-kin foster care	32% (800)	41% (250)
Kinship foster care	13% (330)	18% (110)
Placement with someone who has parental responsibility	7% (170)	2% (10)
Residential care	~ (10)	2% (10)
Residential health	5% (120)	2% (10)
Other residential care	2% (60)	x
Other placement*	1% (30)	x
0 prior placements**	46% (1,150)	52% (320)
Sample size	2,524	617

* Placements with code Z1: Other placements (must be listed on a schedule sent to DfE with annual submission).

** Only experienced one care placement prior to the granting of an SGO, i.e. have 0 placements prior to the final kinship foster care placement.



Table A2.33: Legal status of child before leaving a kinship foster care placement by granting of an SGO

Legal status during the child's last placement prior to leaving care under an SGO	Children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20 from a kinship foster care placement	Children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20 from any other type of placement	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and ever left care from a kinship foster care placement to a kinship special guardian
Interim Care Order	68% (1,710)	70% (530)	51% (310)
Full Care Order	20% (510)	x	x
Placement Order Granted	~ (10)	x	x
Single period of s.20 accommodation	12% (300)	23% (170)	x
Sample size	2,524	750	620

Table A2.34: Distribution of the final placement length before leaving care to a kinship special guardian for children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20 from a kinship foster care placement, broken down by legal status of the final care placement

Length of final placement in days by its legal status, for children whose final placement before leaving care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20 was a kinship foster care placement	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample size
Interim Care Order	137	187	213	264	1,710
Full Care Order	527	826	995	1,171	510
Placement Order Granted	234	303	346	431	10
Single period of s.20 accommodation	189	284	383	391	300



Table A2.35: Placements experienced after an SGO is granted for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and ever left care from a kinship foster care placement*

Types of placements after the SGO is granted	Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care from a kinship foster care placement to a kinship special guardian
Non-kin foster care	8% (50)
Kinship foster care	2% (20)
Residential care	3% (20)
Residential health	x
Other residential care	5% (30)
Independent living	4% (20)
Young offenders' institute/Prison	x
0 subsequent placements**	86% (530)
Sample size	617

* We are unable to report subsequent care experience for children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20 due to data availability.

** Number of children who never re-entered care after the SGO was granted.



Appendix 3 - Outcomes

Wider outcomes

SDQ

Table A3.1: SDQ scores at KS1 for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and experienced types of care

	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample size
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	5	10	11.2	16	81
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	6	11	12.6	18	310
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care	7	13	13.7	20	921

Table A3.2: SDQ scores at KS2 for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and experienced types of care.

	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample size
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	6.75	12	13.0	17.5	84
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	6	12	13.4	19	553
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care	8	14	14.4	20	1,897

Table A3.3: SDQ scores at age 16 for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and experienced types of care

	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample size
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	7	13	13.3	19	1,210
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	6.75	14	13.2	19	76
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care	7	13	13.3	19	5,760



Education, employment and training status

Table A3.4: Proportion of children who are in education, employment or training at age

	In education, employment or training at age 18	Sample size*
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	62% (980)	1,570
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	66% (80)	120
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care	67% (7,230)	10,750

* Education, employment and training status is only reported for care leavers (per DfE's definition of care leavers: children who are in care for at least 13 weeks after their 14th birthday including some time after their 16th birthday)



Educational outcomes

Data linkage

The Pupil Matching Reference (PMR) was primarily used to uniquely identify children; this enables records from the CLA Dataset to be linked to extracts of the National Pupil Database (NPD). Data available within the NPD therefore cannot be linked for a child where no PMR was available. The resulting sample size illustrated below shows the number of children within samples who had a PMR, and therefore the maximum possible sample size for outcomes relating to absences, exclusions and attainment.

Table A3.5: Proportion of children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and experienced types of care for whom records can be linked to the NPD

	Percentage of children who had an identifier linkable to the NPD	Resulting sample size
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	82%	3,020
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	96%	690
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care	65%	14,510

Table A3.6: Proportion of children who lived in types of care in 2019/20 for whom records can be linked to the NPD

	Percentage of children who had an identifier linkable to the NPD	Resulting sample size
Children who lived in kinship foster care in 2019/20	72%	13,690
Children who left care to a kinship special guardian in 2019/20	51%	1,660
All children in care in 2019/20	73%	79,120



Absences

Table A3.7: School attendance in the year prior to entering kinship foster care for the first time⁴

	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample size
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	0%	1.30%	6.74%	6.35%	2,606

Table A3.8: School attendance in the year prior to an SGO being granted⁴

	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample size
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	0%	0.94%	5.43%	5.13%	634

Table A3.9: School attendance in KS4⁴

	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	Sample size
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	0%	1.12%	6.67%	6.54%	2,753
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	0%	0.65%	4.49%	3.12%	634
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care	0%	1.20%	7.50%	7.60%	12,671

⁴ As measured by the number of school sessions missed due to unauthorised absences relative to the total number of sessions possible in the year.



Exclusions

Table A3.10: Rates of fixed term exclusions and permanent exclusions in KS4 for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and experienced types of care

	Ever had a permanent exclusion in KS4	Ever had a fixed term exclusion in KS4	Sample
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	1% (40)	29% (880)	3,020
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	1% (10)	26% (180)	690
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care	2% (260)	28% (4,130)	14,510

Table A3.11: Fixed term exclusions at KS4 for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and experienced types of care

	Mean number of fixed term exclusions at KS4	Mean number of sessions missed due to fixed term exclusions at KS4	Sample*
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	3.2	14.1	880
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	2.8	12.4	180
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care	3.2	14.4	4,130

* Sample = number of children who had a fixed term exclusion in KS4.



Table A3.12: Average number of fixed term exclusions in the year preceding a child's first kinship foster care placement for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and ever lived in kinship foster care, and the year preceding a kinship SGO for children who turned 18 in 2019/20 and ever left care to a kinship special guardian

	Ever had a fixed term exclusion in the preceding year	Average number of sessions missed due to fixed term exclusions in the preceding year, if ever experienced a fixed term exclusion	Sample
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	2% (60)	12.3	3,020
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	49% (340)	11.8	690



Attainment

Table A3.13: Distribution of Attainment 8 scores for children who experienced types of care

Distribution of Attainment 8 scores for sample	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	% Data missing	Effective Sample
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	4.75	22	23.3	37	23%	2,820
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	11	25.5	26.1	38.5	11%	645
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care	1.75	17.8	20.9	35	41%	13,219

Table A3.14: Proportion of samples scoring the national average Attainment 8 score for children with SEN (30), and the national average for all pupils in England (50)

Sample	% of children achieving an Attainment 8 score of at least 30	% of children achieving an Attainment 8 score of at least 50	% Data missing	Effective Sample
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	38% (1,070)	10% (270)	23%	2,820
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	43% (280)	11% (70)	11%	645
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who have ever been in care	33% (4,230)	9% (1,190)	41%	13,219



Table A3.15: Distribution of Progress 8 scores for children who experienced types of care

Distribution of Progress 8 scores for sample	1st Quartile	Median	Mean	3rd Quartile	% Data missing	Effective Sample
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever lived in kinship foster care	-2.22	-1.16	-1.25	-0.16	31%	2,523
Children who turned 18 in 2019/20 who ever left care to a kinship special guardian	-1.81	-0.89	-1.02	-0.10	17%	599



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