

Private Fostering Awareness Survey

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Prepared on behalf of the British Association for Adoption and Fostering



Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

29th June – 2nd July 2015

Data Collection Method

The survey was conducted via online panel. Invitations to complete surveys were sent out to members of the panel. Differential response rates from different demographic groups were taken into account.

Population Sampled

All residents aged 18+ in the United Kingdom

Sample Size

3,142

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all UK adults aged 18+. Data were weighted by age, sex, region, household income, education and past vote. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office for National Statistics 2011 Census data and the results of the 2015 General Election.

Margin of Error

Because only a sample of the full population was interviewed, all results are subject to margin of error, meaning that not all differences are statistically significant. For example, in a question where 50% (the worst case scenario as far as margin of error is concerned) gave a particular answer, with a sample of 3,142 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 1.7 % from the sample result. Subsamples from the cross-breaks will be subject to higher margin of error, conclusions drawn from crossbreaks with very small sub-samples should be treated with caution.

Question presentation

All data tables shown in full below, in order and wording put to respondents, including but not limited to all tables relating to published data and all relevant tables preceding them. Tables for demographic questions might not be included but these should be clear from the cross-breaks on published tables. In all questions where the responses are a list of parties, names or statements, these will typically have been displayed to respondents in a randomising order. The only questions which would not have had randomising responses would be those in which there was a natural order to maintain – e.g. a scale from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”, a list of numbers from 0 to 10 or questions which had factual rather than opinion-related answers such as demographic information. “Other”, “Don't know” and “Refused” responses are not randomised.

Not all questions will have necessarily been asked to all respondents – this is because they may be follow-on questions from previous questions or only appropriate to certain demographic groups. Lower response counts should make clear where this has occurred.

Data were analysed and weighted by Survation.

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Table 1
Q1. Normal weightings
Q1. Which of the following best matches your understanding of the term private fostering? If you have not heard of the term, please select have not heard of private fostering at the bottom
Base: All Respondents

	Gender		Age			SEG				Region 12												
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	London	East of England	South East	South West	Wales	East Midlands	West Midlands	Scotland	Yorks & Humberside	North East	North West	Northern Ireland	
Unweighted Total	3142	1365	1777	695	1177	1270	846	1296	447	547	287	305	555	281	167	244	268	279	190	148	363	55
Weighted Total	3142	1526	1616	905	1109	1128	848	1271	410	609	405	292	430	263	151	226	279	263	263	129	351	91
Where the state re-homes a child in care with a private couple, who are not their close relatives, for a period of 3 months or more	525	242	282	172	192	161	171	222	64	67	72	52	68	53	16	42	41	46	41	17	63	12
16.7%	15.9%	17.5%	19.0%	17.3%	14.3%	20.1%	17.5%	15.7%	11.0%	17.7%	17.9%	15.9%	20.3%	10.8%	18.8%	14.6%	17.6%	15.4%	13.5%	18.0%	12.9%	
Where the state re-homes a child in care with a private couple, who are not their close relatives, on a temporary basis for under 3 months	315	173	143	135	111	69	127	90	37	62	53	22	33	18	19	23	38	22	24	12	40	11
10.0%	11.3%	8.8%	14.9%	10.0%	6.1%	15.0%	7.0%	9.0%	10.2%	13.1%	7.7%	7.7%	6.8%	12.3%	10.0%	13.7%	8.5%	9.1%	9.0%	11.5%	12.6%	
Where parents make a private arrangement with someone, other than a close relative, to look after their child for 28 days or more	298	114	185	74	100	124	84	119	41	52	51	28	46	20	12	20	24	14	22	17	37	6
9.5%	7.5%	11.4%	8.2%	9.0%	11.0%	9.9%	9.4%	10.1%	8.6%	12.7%	9.6%	10.8%	7.7%	8.2%	9.0%	8.7%	5.4%	8.3%	13.2%	10.5%	6.2%	
Where children in care are sent to be looked after by a childrens' home that is run by a private company or charity outside state control	130	62	68	66	37	27	34	54	20	22	24	9	23	12	4	7	16	8	8	2	10	7
4.1%	4.0%	4.2%	7.3%	3.3%	2.4%	4.0%	4.2%	4.8%	3.7%	5.9%	3.0%	5.3%	4.5%	2.9%	3.2%	5.7%	3.0%	3.1%	1.7%	2.8%	7.6%	
Where a child spends their school terms living at a private boarding school rather than with their family	20	10	10	13	4	4	5	12	1	2	7	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	-	-	-	3
0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	1.4%	*	*	0.6%	0.9%	*	*	1.8%	*	*	*	0.8%	1.5%	*	*	*	-	-	-	3.8%
Dont know / I have not heard of "private fostering"	1854	926	928	444	666	743	427	774	247	403	198	180	258	159	98	130	159	171	169	80	201	52
59.0%	60.7%	57.4%	49.1%	60.1%	65.9%	50.4%	60.9%	60.2%	66.2%	48.8%	61.6%	60.1%	60.4%	64.9%	57.6%	56.9%	65.0%	64.0%	62.5%	57.2%	56.9%	
SIGMA	3142	1526	1616	905	1109	1128	848	1271	410	609	405	292	430	263	151	226	279	263	263	129	351	91
100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%