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| **Region** | **No. children waiting with decision, not yet placed** | **No. children with a PO, not yet placed** | **No. families waiting LA** | **No. families**  **waiting VAA** | **Total No. families waiting** | **Ratio children: families** | **Average length of time child spent waiting (since entering care) for those with a PO not yet placed** |
| North East | 350 | 210 | 80 | 25 | 105 | Over 3:1 | 509 |
| North West | 630 | 410 | 180 | 60 | 240 | Over 2:1 | 553 |
| Yorks & Humber | 450 | 320 | 130 |  | 130 | Over 3:1 | 517 |
| East Midlands | 430 | 300 | 130 |  | 130 | Over 3:1 | 568 |
| West Midlands | 610 | 370 | 180 | 30 | 210 | Nearly 3:1 | 596 |
| East of England | 420 | 310 | 140 | 15 | 155 | Over 2:1 | 413 |
| London | 320 | 220 | 160 |  | 160 | 2:1 | 593 |
| South East | 580 | 400 | 200 | 50 | 250 | Over 2:1 | 522 |
| South West | 350 | 220 | 150 | 25 | 175 | 2:1 | 576 |
| National reach |  |  |  | 145 | 145 |  |  |
| **National TOTAL:** | **4,140** | **2,760** | **1,350** | **350** | **1,700** | **Over 2:1** | **National Av: 539** |

* North West (15%), West Midlands (15%) and South East (14%), have greatest share of children waiting.

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| **Region** | **Aged under 5** | **Aged 5+** | **%** | **Female** | **Male** | **BAME** | **%** | **Disabled** | **%** | **Part of sibling group** | **%** | **Harder to place** |
| North East | 150 | 60 | 28.57 | 110 | 100 | 20 | 9.5 | 10 | 4.8 | 130 | 61.9 | 150 |
| North West | 300 | 110 | 26.83 | 190 | 220 | 60 | 14.6 | 10 | 2.4 | 240 | 58.5 | 290 |
| Yorks & Humber | 240 | 80 | 25.00 | 170 | 150 | 60 | 18.8 | 10 | 3.1 | 190 | 59.4 | 230 |
| East Midlands | 210 | 90 | 30.00 | 130 | 170 | 60 | 20.0 | 20 | 6.7 | 180 | 60.0 | 220 |
| West Midlands | 270 | 100 | 27.03 | 160 | 210 | 110 | 29.7 | 20 | 5.4 | 190 | 51.4 | 280 |
| East of England | 230 | 90 | 29.03 | 140 | 170 | 50 | 16.1 | 10 | 3.2 | 190 | 61.3 | 230 |
| London | 170 | 50 | 22.73 | 100 | 120 | 120 | 54.5 | 10 | 4.5 | 100 | 45.5 | 180 |
| South East | 280 | 110 | 27.50 | 170 | 230 | 50 | 12.5 | 20 | 5.0 | 230 | 57.5 | 270 |
| South West | 140 | 80 | 20.00 | 110 | 110 | 20 | 9.1 | 10 | 4.5 | 130 | 59.1 | 160 |
| National totals: | **1,990** | **770** | **27.90** | **1,280** | **1,480** | **550** | **19.9** | **120** | **4.3** | **1,580** | **57.2** | **2,010** |

**Characteristics of Children Waiting on a PO (2,760)**

* 73% harder to place
* 28% over 5 years
* 54% Male, 46% Female
* 57% in a sibling group
* 20% BAME
* 4% disabled
* 21% BME children waiting are in London. 55% children waiting in London are BAME.
* 20% BME children waiting are in the West Midlands. 30% children waiting in the West Midlands are BAME.