

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2025
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2025**

Question

“Will the Minister advise the number of children and young people that are currently in the Minister’s care, providing a breakdown of those housed in accommodation in the Island or the UK, and outline the main reasons for those located in the UK?”

Answer

In order to protect the children from being identifiable, we are unable to provide any specific data. As of 17 November 2025, there are 57 children in the care of the Minister, of which 17 children are placed off island outside of Jersey in the following placement arrangements.

Placement type	Jersey	Off Island	Total
Residential care home	14	11	25
Family Settings (Foster Care, Connected Care or Placed with Parents)	23	6	29
Other (includes Secure Unit, YOI, Parent & Child, Hospital & Supported Living etc)	<5		<5
Total	40	17	57

Of the 17 children placed off island, the majority are cared for by providers who offer specialist care or therapeutic programmes for children with either special educational needs, children who require specialist treatment such as for sexual harm, attachment disorders, etc, or other specialist needs. Specialist therapeutic programmes provide children with help to process their trauma experiences, develop their resilience and develop protective factors.

Where children are accessing specialist residential school provision these schools provide a structured environment, and evidence-based approaches to deliver a practical and sensory approach to learning, which develops the children’s awareness of, and interest in themselves and others in the world around them.

A total of six children are living with a foster carer, connected carers, etc, in a family type setting. There are proactive plans in place for children placed off island to return to Jersey when their care plan dictates that the time is ready for them to return.

A small number of children have a plan to remain in the UK into adulthood, either through staying put arrangements with their carers, or within their wider family network, or because it is the young person's wishes that they want to remain in the UK as they see this as their home, or due to personal circumstances do not wish to return to the island.