



## Access to Public Information Request

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### Request relating to 'children taken into care'

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#### Request for information:

I would like to find out:

1. How many women in Guernsey have had children taken into care over the last 10 years?
2. How many children have been taken into care over the last 10 years?
3. The average number of children per woman who are taken into care (e.g. over the last 10 years, an average of 2 children per woman have been taken into care).
4. What programme(s) the council has taken up to prevent more children going into care, if any?

**Response** (this response is provided by the Office *of the* Committee for Health & Social Care):

Complete data available for calendar years 2010 to 2018.

There were 202 admissions to care in the period January 2010 to December 2018. Legal status on admission to care has included: voluntary accommodation, emergency child protection order, interim community parenting order, community parenting order, interim care requirement and care requirement.

12.87% of admissions were for a second or subsequent care episode.

1. 115 women have had children taken into care over the nine year period.
2. 176 children have been taken into care over the nine year period.
3. Over the nine year period an average of 1.53 children per woman have been taken into care.
4. Programmes taken up to prevent more children going into care include:

- Incredible Years
  - Triple P
  - Family Nurse Partnership
  - Mellow Parenting
  - Caring Dads
  - Parent Empowerment Programme
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**NOTE:**

For the period January 2010 to December 2018, 27 admissions to care have not been included in the reported numbers:

- 7 - secure accommodation orders from Juvenile Court
- 9 - incidents of temporary accommodation for children not normally resident on the island
- 11 – full details not available.

2019 figures have not been included as they will not be available until the end of the calendar year.