

Attitudes to Care

Hello and welcome to A National Voice's first survey of the general public's attitudes to children and young people in care.

The aim of this poll is to find out what you know about the care system for children and young people in England. The responses to this survey will be collated into a report that will inform our future work and the work of other care-related organisations.

Please answer the questions as openly and honestly as you can—it shouldn't take more than 5 minutes. Also, at the end, you will be able to leave your contact details, if you don't mind, so we can add you as a supporter of A National Voice. The poll is completely anonymous and your answers to the poll will not be linked to your contact details in any way at all.

Finally, to make this survey as representative as possible, we need a lot of responses. Please ask as many of your friends as possible to do it. That would be great. As long as they are not in care (or ever have been) we want their views.

They can do it online at:

www.anvpolls.net

or if they prefer to use a paper copy they can download one from:

www.anationalvoice.org

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These are also the contacts to use when returning your completed survey.

Don't forget though, it's easier and quicker to do it online at www.anvpolls.net



ANV Poll – ‘Attitudes to Care’

Q1 How many people do you think there are in care in the UK?

- less than 500
- 500 to 1000
- 1,000 to 10,000
- 10,000 to 50,000
- 50,000 to 100,000
- over 100,000
- don't know

Q2 What do you think is the average weekly cost of a child or young person in Care

- less than 100
- £100 to £199
- £200 to £299
- £300 to £399
- £400 to £499
- £500 to £999
- £1000 to £1499
- £1500 to £2000
- more than £2000

Q3 Do you personally know someone either in care or who has been in care?

Yes No

Q4 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree
Most children in care live in children's homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children who are fostered are not in care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People who have been in care don't do as well at school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Most children are in care because of abuse or neglect	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People who have been in care are more likely to be unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Young people in care have as much potential as their peers to succeed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Many children are put in care because of their bad behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q5 Changing attitudes to Care: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree
Most young people who have been in care face prejudice through their adult life.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would not want someone who has been in care working for me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Young people who are in care are far more likely to be involved in crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q6 Which two of these words best describes your feelings towards someone who has been in care?

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|---------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Sympathetic | <input type="checkbox"/> | Supportive | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hopeful | <input type="checkbox"/> | Optimistic | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sad | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fearful | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Suspicious | <input type="checkbox"/> | Distrustful | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| None of these | <input type="checkbox"/> | Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q7 Would you ever consider becoming a foster carer?

- Yes
- No

Q8 Please say why you would/would not consider becoming a foster carer.

Q9 Which of the following groups do you think **can** and **cannot** become foster carers?

	CAN	CANNOT
Older people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People from minority ethnic groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gay or lesbian people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People living in rented accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grandparents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Childless people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unemployed people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q10 Which of the following best describes you and the work that you do?

- Director Manual worker Social worker Student
Manager Office worker Teacher Homemaker
Self-employed Shop worker Public sector worker Retired
Skilled worker Youth worker Armed forces member Unemployed
Other:

Q11 What is your ethnic background?

- White-English Mixed-White and Black Caribbean Asian-British Black-British
White-Welsh Mixed-White and Black African Indian Black-African
White-Scottish Mixed-White and African Pakistani Black-Caribbean
White-Irish Any other mixed background Bangladeshi Any other Black background
Any other White ethnic background Any other Asian background Chinese
Any other Chinese background
Any other ethnic background:

Q12 Are you female or male?

- Female Male

Q13 What is your age?

- 15 or under 26 to 30 51 to 60
16 to 20 31 to 40 61 to 70
21 to 25 41 to 50 over 70

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Thank You for contributing to our poll 😊



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