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Ymateb gan Gwasanaeth Eiriolaeth Ieuenctid Cenedlaethol | From National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS)

Additional information following the meeting on 2 February

NYAS Cymru agreed to share with the Committee statistics relating to the number of children and young people who are in unregulated accommodation.

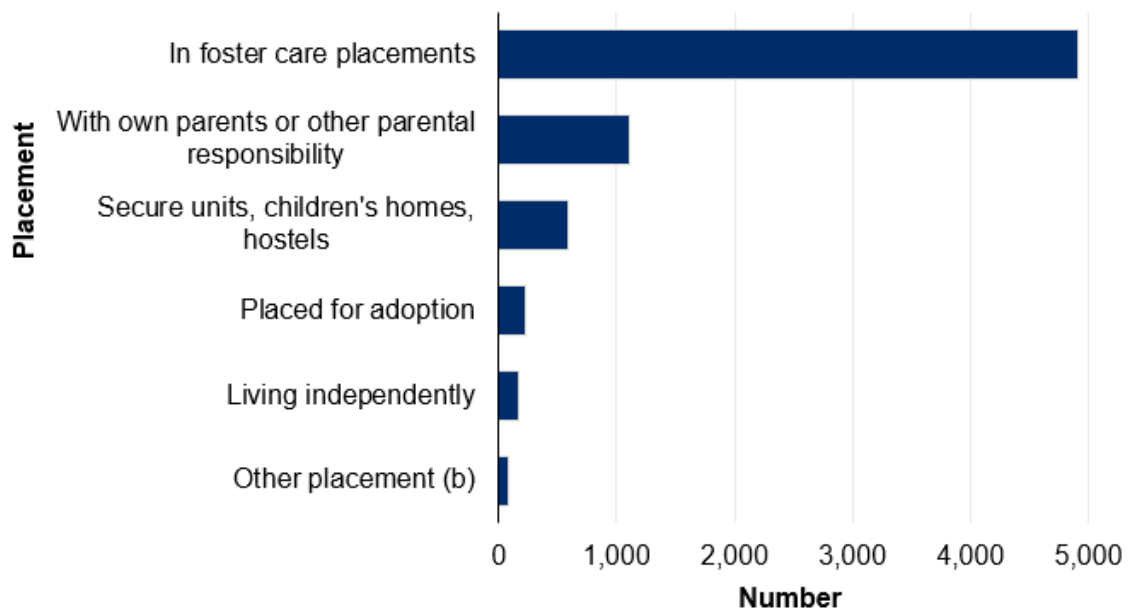
For those children who are still in care, it will be those 'living independently' that are likely unregulated placements. I've copied the chart (Figure 6) below from Welsh Government's latest release on this: <https://www.gov.wales/children-looked-after-local-authorities-april-2021-march-2022-html#:~:text=At%2031%20March%202022,-7%2C080%20children%20were&text=This%20is%20a%20rate%20of,status%20was%20under%20care%20orders>

I could not see the exact figures from this graph, but the document has someone that the Committee could contact:

Statistician: Bethan Sherwood Email: stats.healthinfo@gov.wales (<mailto:stats.healthinfo@gov.wales>)

The figure of 122 young people that I cited in the committee oral evidence session was from the same report (Table 1) which listed those leaving care at the date of ceasing to be looked after who were living in..."Semi-independent, transitional accommodation, and self-contained accommodation". We made an assumption that this is unregulated, but again the Welsh Government figures aren't entirely clear. The graph below about 'independent living' while in care above is probably more relevant on reflection, as that is for children who still technically have looked after status.

Figure 6: Children looked after by placement, 31 March 2022 (a)



Source: Children looked after census, Welsh Government

(a) Excludes children looked after exclusively under a series of short breaks.

(b) Includes residential care home; NHS/Health Trust or other establishment providing medical or nursing care; residential family centre or mother and baby unit; youth offender institution or prison; residential school; residential employment and whereabouts unknown.