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## Family Rights Group

Family Rights Group are a national charity that advises parents, grandparents, relatives and friends about their rights and options when social workers or courts make decisions about their children's welfare.

We work with parents whose children are in need, at risk or are in the care system and with wider family members and friends who are raising children (known as kinship carers).



## Lifelong Links: in numbers

Family Rights Group has carried out its own monitoring of Lifelong Links since the first child was referred. The figures reported are based on data submitted by participating local authorities.



2,950

Children or young people have benefitted from Lifelong Links



946

Number of Lifelong Links family group conferences and Lifelong Links plans that have been made.



42

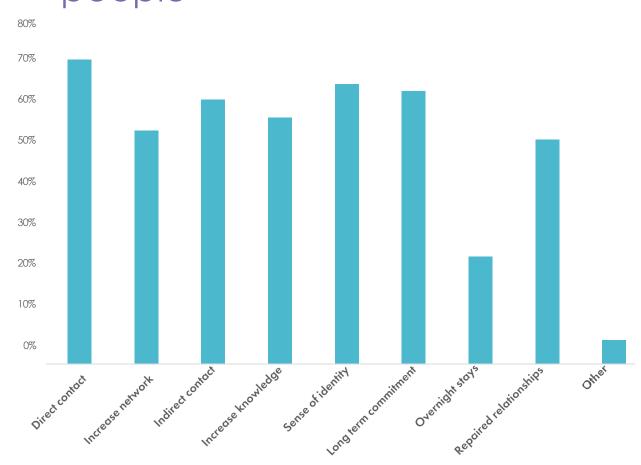
The number of local authorities implementing (or offering) Lifelong Links





## The outcomes for young people

The practice summaries submitted in relation to 477 children and young people asked the Lifelong Links coordinators to set out what outcomes had been achieved as a result of Lifelong Links.



- Lifelong Links has resulted in relationships being repaired for half of all young people. One boy, for example, thought his older brother had abandoned him, but it transpired the brother was in prison, is now released and they are seeing each other again
- Nearly one third (30%) of young people are now having overnight stays with family members and other supportive adults, that previously was not happening at all.
- 69% of children and young people have an increased knowledge of their family history and over 67% have an increased sense of identity and belonging.

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