

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002542
Date 17 July 2018

Children/Young People in Care/Foster Care/Placements

Request:

- 1) Please provide the number of children/ young people in care (CLA) at March 31st 2018.
[648 children.](#)
- 2) Please provide the number of CLA placed in IFA foster care placements at March 31st 2018.
[225 children.](#)
- 3) Please provide the number of CLA placed out of borough / authority boundary in IFA foster care placements at March 31st 2018.
[189 children.](#)
- 4) What provision do you have for foster care placements (e.g. in house, frameworks, blocks, spots)
[The City of Wolverhampton Council places these through the West Midlands Fostering Framework led by Birmingham Council.](#)

and how many placements did these arrangements accommodate for 2017/18.
[95% of our placements are through the framework whilst 5% through spot purchase.](#)
- 5) If you have internal provision for children's foster care, please specify the number of placements you are able to accommodate in this provision (including filled and vacant beds).
[276 maximum places, including those approved for additional places if LAC are a sibling group.](#)
- 6) Please specify the provider name of any block contracts for children's foster care you have, broken down by the number of beds they are contracted to provide if more than one provider.
[The City of Wolverhampton Council do not hold block contract with IFAs.](#)
- 7) For block contracts please specify whether these are for specific categories of need i.e. preventing residential, children with disabilities, step down from residential, sibling groups etc.
[N/A](#)

- 8) For any block contracts, please specify when these contracts commenced and the duration of these contracts.

N/A

- 9) Please provide details for the actual spend for 2017/18 for IFA foster care placements commissioned from Block Contracts.

N/A

- 10) Please provide the average weekly spend for 2017/18 for IFA placements commissioned from Block Contracts.

N/A

- 11) Please provide details - role, name, job title, email address for staff within your authority involved in the commissioning of provision for CLA.

We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following link:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=10485&p=0>

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>