

## Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002844  
Date 05 October 2018

### ***Fostering Service***

#### **Request:**

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) in relation to the fostering service provision of your Local Authority:

#### **Foster Carer Statistics**

1. The number of currently approved foster carers;  
[199 families](#)
2. The number of foster carers approved during 2015, 2016, and 2017. A year is from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> (e.g. 2015 = 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016).

<a href="#">2015-16</a>	<a href="#">2016-17</a>	<a href="#">2017-18</a>
<a href="#">30</a>	<a href="#">45</a>	<a href="#">43</a>

3. The number of foster carers who were deregistered/resigned during 2015, 2016, and 2017, including reasons for de-registration/resignation (e.g. practice issues; retirement; transfer to IFA etc.). A year is from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> (e.g. 2015 = 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016).

<a href="#">2015-16</a>	<a href="#">2016-17</a>	<a href="#">2017-18</a>
<a href="#">25</a>	<a href="#">10</a>	<a href="#">19</a>

#### **Foster Children Statistics**

4. The number of current looked after children;  
[658](#)
5. The number of children and young people currently placed with local authority foster carers;  
[281](#)
6. The number of children and young people currently placed with IFA (Independent Fostering Agencies);  
[217](#)
7. The number of children looked after who moved into a Staying Put Arrangement or When I'm Ready, directly with the LA using the IFA approved

foster carers, during 2015, 2016, and 2017. A year is from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> (e.g. 2015 = 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016).

2015 - 5

2016 - 8

2017 - 8

8. The number of children looked after who moved into a Staying Put Arrangement or When I'm Ready, directly with the LA using the LA approved foster carers, during 2015, 2016, and 2017. A year is from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> (e.g. 2015 = 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016).

2015 – 3

2016 – 6

2017 – 6