

## Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 021672  
Date 11 February 2016

### ***Children's Placements and Independent Foster Care Agencies***

#### **Request:**

1. Does the authority operate a commissioning Framework for the provision of Independent Foster Agency services? - **Yes**
  - a. If so, when does the Framework expire? - **2018**  
Is there a period to extend it? - **Yes**
  - b. Is the Framework accessed by a number of different authorities as part of a partnership or consortium? - **Yes**
2. What was the authority's spend on Independent Foster Agency Placements in the financial year 2014/2015?  
**£15.5 million**
3. How many IFA placements did the authority make in the financial year 2014/2015? Please can you break these down by age category and gender? Please use the table below as a reference.

Age	Male	Female	Total
0-4	<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>54</b>
5- 9	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>52</b>
10-14	<b>36</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>80</b>
15-17	<b>12</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>56</b>
Total	<b>99</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>242</b>

This is a table of the new IFA placements made between 01/04/14 and 31/03/15. These 242 IFA placements were concerning 178 individual children, as some LAC had multiple IFA placement starts in-year.

4. Please can you provide the contact details for the lead person for commissioning of IFA placements?

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