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Request:

We are starting a research project to establish where we need to focus time and resources with regards to foster carer recruitment.

Please could you provide us with the following information:

How many foster carers do you currently have as an LA?

101

How many children do you currently have in care with in-house carers?

205 (including 73 connected persons)

How many children do you currently have in care with private agencies?

24

How many foster carer recruitment enquiries did you receive between April 2017 – April 2018?

171

How many general foster carers did you approve between April 2017 – April 2018?

9

How many initial visits did your fostering team carry out between the above period?

46

How many assessments for general carers do you currently have open?

2

What is the average time it takes to complete a general fostering assessment?

16 weeks

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