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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?

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?

What is the average time it takes to complete a general fostering assessment? **16 weeks**

Do you have a dedicated fostering recruitment officer? **No, this is part of the work of the whole team**

Do you have a dedicated recruitment team?

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