



Freedom of Information Request FOI1959

Request:

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please send me the following information.

1. The number of foster placements made for children looked after by your local authority, with the council's own fostering provision (i.e. the number of individual placements made, not the number of individual children placed).
2. The number of foster placements made for children looked after by your local authority, with private or voluntary sector fostering provision (i.e. the number of individual placements made, not the number of individual children placed).
3. The total amount spent on the council's own fostering provision.
4. The total amount spent on private and voluntary sector fostering provision.

Please provide this information for each of the last five financial years 2018/19, 2017/18, 2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15.

5. In addition, please provide the names of the three private/ voluntary sector fostering providers with whom you have spent the most in the five year period 2014/15 to 2018/19 inclusive, and the amount spent with each. If you need any further information in order to deal with my request, please call me on: 0113 2247390.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact me (in line with your section 16 duty to advise and assist requesters) so that we can discuss the matter and if necessary I can modify the request.

I would like the information to be emailed to me at victoria.prest@bbc.co.uk and in an excel format. I do not wish to receive this information in a PDF format. Many thanks in advance for your help,

Victoria Prest

Submitted on 11/11/19.

Response:

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Year - Council - private\voluntary

2014/15 - 150 - 0

2015/16 - 204 - 8

2016/17 - 164 - 18

2017/18 - 235 - 15

2018/19 - 253 - 7

2019/20 - 162 - 9

3. The total amount spent on the council's own fostering provision.
2014/15 £3,703,693.21

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2015/16 £3,466,633.49
 2016/17 £3,408,691.81
 2017/18 £3,360,136.12
 2018/19 £4,014,296.27

4. The total amount spent on private and voluntary sector fostering provision.

2014/15 £947,666.72
 2015/16 £1,023,244.59
 2016/17 £1,167,291.51
 2017/18 £1,146,417.24
 2018/19 £995,980.95

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2014/2015 ~Foster Care Associates Limited, Team Fostering, SWIIS Foster Care Ltd
 2015/2016~Foster Care Associates Limited, SWIIS Foster Care Ltd, Team Fostering
 2016/2017~Foster Care Associates Limited, SWIIS Foster Care Ltd, Team Fostering
 2017/2018~Foster Care Associates Limited, SWIIS Foster Care Ltd, St Cuthberts Care
 2018/2019~SWIIS Foster Care Ltd, Foster Care Associates Limited, The Fostering Company North East Ltd