



North Tyneside Council

Reference: FOI0069

Request:

1. Who, within the local authority, has commissioning responsibility for Fostering placements for Looked After Children? Please provide the following:

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2. Please provide a list of the Fostering frameworks that the local authority uses to make placements (e.g. 'X' Council framework, London Care Placements framework, East Midlands Regional framework etc.), and any 'Tiers' (or similar) associated with that framework.

NE7 Framework - led by Newcastle City Council. Other participating LAs are Northumberland, Gateshead, South Tyneside, Durham and Sunderland

3. Please provide a list of preferred Independent Fostering Agencies, whether the agency sits on or off framework, and the gross total expenditure with that agency in 2017/18 Note: By 'preferred' we mean those agencies that would be considered and chosen for placements on a preferential basis by the council.

List off framework providers attached. All placement requests are sent to all providers. North Tyneside do not have any off-framework placements.

4. Please provide the following fee related information:

The current 2018/19 fee for foster parents (i.e. the pay foster parent would receive)
The current 2018/19 amount given for basic fostering allowances.

please see attached fees document.

5. Please provide the following information related to Fostering placements for Looked After Children. Please provide actual figures for years 2013/14 to 2017/18, as well as predicted figures for 2018/19.

The number of Looked After Children cared for by a foster carer provided by the Council
The number of Looked After Children cared for by a foster carer arranged through an Independent Fostering Agency.

Please see attached chart.

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6. What is the gross total expenditure on fostering services for Looked After Children? Please provide actual figures for financial years 2013/14 to 2017/18, as well as budgeted expenditure for 2018/19.

Year Actual

13/14 4,773,618

14/15 4,751,616

15/16 4,611,860

16/17 4,674,146

17/18 4,674,149

18/19 4,426,565 Budget

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