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Request:

Foster Carer Statistics:

1. The number of currently approved foster carers;
2. The number of foster carers approved during 2015, 2016, and 2017. A year is from April 1st to March 31st (e.g. 2015 = 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016).
3. The number of foster carers who were deregistered/resigned during 2015, 2016, and 2017, including reasons for de-registration/resignation (e.g. practice issues; retirement; transfer to IFA etc.). A year is from April 1st to March 31st (e.g. 2015 = 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016).
4. The number of looked after children;
5. The number of children and young people currently placed with local authority foster carers;
6. The number of children and young people currently placed with IFA (Independent Fostering Agencies);
7. The number of children looked after who moved into a Staying Put Arrangement or When I'm Ready, directly with the LA using the IFA approved foster carers, during 2015, 2016, and 2017. A year is from April 1st to March 31st (e.g. 2015 = 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016).
8. The number of children looked after who moved into a Staying Put Arrangement or When I'm Ready, directly with the LA using the LA approved foster carers, during 2015, 2016, and 2017. A year is from April 1st to March 31st (e.g. 2015 = 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016).

Response:

1. 162
2. Approved Foster Carers in 2015-16 =191 (includes 36 Connected Person FCs/10 Reg 24 FCs)
Approved Foster Carers in 2016-17 = 171 (includes 25 Connected Person FCs/16 Reg 24 FCs)
Approved Foster Carers in 2017-18 = 171 (includes 23 Connected Person FCs/28 Reg 24 FCs)

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3. 2015-16 - 40, 2 de-registrations by Agency, 18 SGO/CAO granted, 1 child rehab home, 17 resigned (2 were partners of current Foster Carers)
2016-17 - 50, 13 SGO/CAO granted, 1 child left placement, 1 child rehab home, 26 resigned, 9 resigned but remained caring for Staying Put YP
2017-18 - 38, 2 De-registration by Agency, 10 SGO/CAO granted, 5 children left placement, 21 resigned (1 was partner of current FC)
4. 289
5. 209 (inc 66 Connected persons and 143 Approved FCs)
6. 22
7. Nil - any Staying Put Arrangements with IFA Foster Carers are arranged via the IFA, not directly by the LA
8. 2015=14, 2016=16, 2017=6

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