FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 914/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request/Response:

1. Please provide the number of children/ young people in care (CLA) at March 31st 2018.

Answer: Rutland County Council had 29 children/ young people in care (CLA) as at March 31st 2018.

2. Please provide the number of CLA placed in IFA foster care placements at March 31st 2018.

Answer: Rutland County Council placed 7 CLA in IFA foster care placements as at March 31st 2018.

3. Please provide the number of CLA placed out of borough / authority boundary in IFA foster care placements at March 31st 2018.

Answer: Rutland County Council had 11 CLA placed out of borough / authority boundary in IFA foster care placements at March 31st 2018.

4. What provision do you have for foster care placements (e.g. in house, frameworks, blocks, spots) and how many placements did these arrangements accommodate for 2017/18.

Answer: Rutland County Council have 14 in house foster carers. For those who need IFA Placements, we use the East Midlands Childrens Regional Framework. We also have 1 foster carer approved at panel today so awaiting the Agency Decision Makers ruling.

5. If you have internal provision for children’s foster care, please specify the number of placements you are able to accommodate in this provision (including filled and vacant beds).

Answer: Rutland County Council has 14 in house foster carers who have capacity up to 29 children, dependent on whether sibling groups can share a bedroom.
6. Please specify the provider name of any block contracts for children’s foster care you have, broken down by the number of beds they are contracted to provide if more than one provider.

   Answer: Rutland County Council does not have any block bookings for foster carers and go through the EMRCF for all IFA placements.

7. For block contracts please specify whether these are for specific categories of need i.e. preventing residential, children with disabilities, step down from residential, sibling groups etc.

   Answer: Not applicable.

8. For any block contracts, please specify when these contracts commenced and the duration of these contracts.

   Answer: Not applicable.

9. Please provide details for the actual spend for 2017/18 for IFA foster care placements commissioned from Block Contracts

   Answer: Not applicable.

10. Please provide the average weekly spend for 2017/18 for IFA placements commissioned from Block Contracts.

   Answer: Not applicable.

11. Please provide details - role, name, job title, email address for staff within your authority involved in the commissioning of provision for CLA.

   Answer: Foster, Adoption & Care Leavers Team Manager
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Yours faithfully

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