FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 916/18

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: 31 children / young people were in care (CLA) at March 31st 2018.

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

   Answer: 8 CLA were placed in IFA foster care placements 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: 8 CLA were 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 has 14 in house foster carers who have a capacity to care for 29 children depending on sibling groups sharing room.

   2017/2018 provided:

   9 x children with in house foster care,
   1 x at parent’s home in London,
   1 x BACA in Leicester,
   1 x Supported accommodation in Peterborough and
   1 with a connected carer in Nottingham. We also have
   8 with connected carers,
   1 with a parent in the area,
   1 x residential placement and
   7 in IFA provision
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 a capacity to care for 29 children depending on sibling groups sharing room.

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: Not Applicable

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: Shirley Bowron
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Yours faithfully

FOI Administrator