

FOI 1552

04.04.2023

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Request	Reply
1) In the financial year 2021/22 what was the outturn for provided foster care?	£6,484,019.00
2) In the financial year 2021/22 what was the outturn for purchased foster care?	£287,899.00
b) The average proportion of foster care placements in the financial year 2021/22, in percentage terms, that were purchased from independent agencies	As at 31/03/2022 = 1.05%
3) What is the total number of looked after children?	As at 31/03/2022 = 589
4) The number of looked after children who are being accommodated via purchased fostering service,	<5 as at 28.2.23
b) The exact number of children in each of the contracts held by a purchased fostering service, specifying the agencies used.	Foster Care Associates = less than 5 children Kindercare = less than 5 children(sibling group)
6) The number of looked after children who are placed outside of the local authority	49 as at 28.2.23 are placed outside the Southern Trust Locality
7) The average number of registered Foster carers who receive a fee from the local authority provider between 14th December 2019 to 14th December 2022, broken down by years.	31/03/2020 = 64 31/03/2021 = 58 31/03/2022 = 55

8) The number of foster carers de-registered from the local authority provider between 14th December 2019 to 14th December 2022, broken down by years.	01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020 = 96 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021 = 42 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022 = 56 This includes Kinship Foster Carers, Dual approved Foster Carers and General Foster Carers
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Where dates are not specified please give the most up to date figure, specifying the date used.

Please note: Where the response involves low numbers the figure <5 has been provided. This is because releasing the exact figure has the potential to lead to the identification of the individual/s. The Trust has applied Section 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to exempt the exact figures from disclosure where the numbers are less than 5.

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