

FOI 2212

21/02/2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Please provide a copy of the following information related to commissioned services to foster carers and kinship carers in your Trust area. Please provide details of the spending broken down by financial year for each of the last 3 years (2023-24, 2022-23, 2021-22)

Request	Reply
<p>1) The total spent to purchase carers' membership of the Fostering Network each year.</p>	<p>2021/2022 £27,754.66</p> <p>2022/2023 £29,841.61</p> <p>2023/2024 £29,059.61</p>
<p>2) The total spent on commissioned carer 'independent' support and advocacy services associated with allegations and complaints made against carers each year.</p>	<p>Please refer the remaining questions to the Department of Health Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG), who commission the Fostering Network. Please see contact details below:</p> <p>FOI Unit</p> <p>DoH</p> <p>Annexe 3</p> <p>Castle Buildings</p> <p>Stormont</p> <p>Belfast BT4 3SQ</p> <p>Email: FOI@health-ni.gov.uk</p>



<p>3) Please provide copies of the most recent evaluations of each of these services.</p>	
<p>4) Please provide copies of the Trust's documented Public Patient involvement (PPI) of carers in the planning, commissioning, and evaluation of membership services of the Fostering Network as required by the Health and Social Care Reform Act (NI) 2009)</p>	
<p>5) Please provide copies of the Trust's documented Public Patient involvement (PPI) of carers in the planning, commissioning, and evaluation of the 'independent' support and advocacy service associated with allegations and complaints made against carers from the Fostering Network as required by the Health and Social Care Reform Act (NI) 2009).</p>	

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