

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

How many former fostered children aged 18 do you have living with foster carers?

As at 5th July 2013 we have 7 young people aged 18 living with foster carers

Of those, how many of their foster carers have the same support arrangements (financial and practical) as they did prior to the fostered young person turning 18?

5 on same support package, including Supervising Social Worker (SSW) support

1 on Supported Lodgings: reduced financial package, but these carers have support from SSW and from Supported Lodgings Officer

1 an informal arrangement without any local authority support to carers

How many former fostered children aged 19 do you have living with foster carers?

As at 5th July 2013 we have 6 young people aged 19 living with former foster carers

Of those, how many of their foster carers have the same support arrangements (financial and practical) as they did prior to the fostered young person turning 18?

3 receive university support package: reduced financial support to reflect the fact that the young people live away from home (at university) for most of the time; includes SSW support.

3 remain with former foster carers under Shared Lives scheme: this is the adult placement scheme for which carers are re-assessed. They receive a financial package that at least equals what they had received as foster carers. If carers had respite provision this is continued, although the young person may attend a different provision. In one case the respite continues to be provided by another foster carer, also assessed as a respite Shared Lives carer.

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