

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:

I am researching fostering services in the UK. I would be grateful if you could provide me with answers to the following questions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. Which (if any) external Independent Fostering Agencies have your authority used in the past 12 months?

By the Bridge
TACT
Barnados Cymru
Jay Fostering Ltd
Compass Children's Services
FCA (Core Assets)
National Fostering Agency
Sunbeam Fostering Agency
Swan Fostering Ltd

2. In the 12 months to September 2013 what has been your authority's total spend, exclusive of VAT, on fostering services with each of these Independent Fostering Agencies?

Provider	Amount
Barnados Cymru	19,341
Compass Children's Services	390,106
Core Assets Fostering Ltd	70,714
Jay Fostering Ltd	649,702
National Fostering Agency	160,219
T A C T	81,883
Sunbeam Fostering Agency Ltd	153,014
By The Bridge	86,301
SWAN Fostering Ltd	19,543
	1,150,822

3. How many children did your authority place with each Independent Fostering Agency over the past 12 months at March 31st 2012 and March 31st 2013?

Provider	March 2012	March 2013
By the Bridge	0	3
TACT	4	3
Barnados Cymru	1	1

Jay Fostering	30	48
Compass	37	36
FCA	13	12
NFA	4	13
Sunbeam	0	4
Fostering Solutions	2	1
Fostering Matters	1	1
Park Foster Care	1	1
Community Foster Care	1	0
Liberty Foster Care	1	0
Barnados	2	0
Foster Plus	1	0
Capstone Foster Care	1	0
Team Fostering	1	0
Anglia Fostering	0	1

4. How many foster carers did your authority have registered as of 31st March 2012 and 31st March 2013?

406 foster carers on 31/03/12, 419 foster carers on 31/03/13.

5. How many foster carers did your authority approve and de-register in the 12 months to 31st March 2013?

Please note the figures below relate to fostering households, as we do not keep records as to individual foster carer registrations / de-registrations.

For Mainstream from 2012-13 (households)

27 carers were approved
15 carers were de-registered

For Kinship from 2012-13 (households)

42 carers were approved
13 carers were de-registered

Total (households):

69 approved
28 de-registered

6. Who is the key contact within your authority for Looked After Children?

Cheriel O'Neill, Head of Service

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