

## **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:**

**Please could you provide the following information on your Fostering Service.**

**Definitions: for these purposes Kinship is the term referred to for any Friends and Family carers or Connected Persons.**

**1. In House fostering Capacity as of the 01/01/14.**

**A. Total number of fostering households excluding Link, Kinship and respite only carers. [176](#)**

**B. Total number of placements that A are approved for. [331](#)**

**C. Total number of current placements within A. [376](#)**

**2. Kinship numbers as of the 01/01/14**

**A. Total number of kinship carers households with full approval. [76](#)**

**B. Total number with reg24 approval. [19](#)**

**C. Does your local authority offer Family Group Conferences? [Yes](#)**

**D. Is there a separate kinship fostering team or equivalent in operation?  
[Yes until 01.04.14](#)**

**3. Fostering Panel**

**A. Total number of terminations of approval in 2012/13. [11](#)**

**B. Total number of terminations of approval in the financial year to date.  
[12](#)**

**C. Total number of new approvals in 2012/13 excluding respite only, link and kinship. [28](#)**

**D. Total number of new approvals in the financial year to date excluding respite only, link and kinship. [15](#)**

**E. Total number of annual reviews presented to panel in the financial year to date. [9](#)**

**F. Total number of changes of approvals presented to panel in the financial year to date. [12](#)**

**4. Foster carer annual reviews**

**A. Total number of annual reviews completed outside of panel in 2012/13. [139](#)**

**B. Total number of annual reviews completed outside of panel in the financial year to date. [77](#)**

**C. Who chairs the reviews outside of panel: team manager, independent reviewing officer, supervising social worker, nobody, other (please state title).** [Manager](#)

**D. Total number of reviews overdue.** [121](#)

## **5. Named individuals**

**A. Names of Agency Decision Makers.** [Cheriel O'Neill](#)

**B. Names and contact details of Head of Fostering or the Service Manager responsible for fostering.**

**C. Name and contact details of B's line manager.**

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