

## **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:**

**Information as to any current contracts in place in your local authority for 'Independent Fostering Agencies' to provide fostering provisions i.e. foster placements for children in the care of your local authority, specifically:**

- 1) The date at which the contract started**
- 2) The initial contract duration**
- 3) Any contractual provisions for the potential extension of that contract beyond the initial set period.**
- 4) If no such contract is yet in place, is there any recorded information as to potential plans for such a contract to be available to tender in the near future.**

Please find attached a table showing the number of Independent Fostering Agency contracts we have in the commissioning service.

All our foster placements are spot purchased and contracts are varied according to the need of young person; provider and/ or the Local authority.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

**Information Governance Manager**

**Information and Support**

**Leicester City Council**

**FREEPOST (LE985/33)**

**New Walk Centre**

**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

e-mail: [FOIA@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:FOIA@leicester.gov.uk)

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

**Information Commissioner's Office**

**Wycliffe House**

**Water Lane**

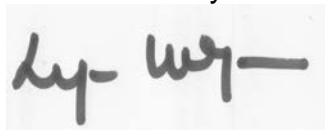
**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**

**Telephone: 01625 545 700**

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Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider appeals or complaints until the internal appeals and complaints processes of the public authority which is answering the request have been exhausted. You are therefore advised to complain or appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

**Lynn Wyeth**

**Information Governance Manager**