



## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Foster Care and Adoption***

#### **Request and response in 'blue':**

Request for information under the freedom of information act request annual figures of children placed in foster care and adopted. Along with failed adoptions.

I am also asking for the budget given to each Local Authority in relation to adoption and fostering funds granted by the Government every year.

We would also like to know if any of your workers are given incentives either by promotion options or pay bonuses to meet adoption targets that would show an improvement of the annual OFSTED reports.

So to clarify:

1. The annual figure for 2014 to date of all children currently looked after by the LA and those that are in adoption or await adoption.  
As at the end of July 2015 the total number of Looked After Children was 747  
We currently have 60 children placed for adoption  
10 children awaiting adoption
- 2: Adoptions that have broken down since in the previous annual year.  
1 adoption disruption
- 3: Your annual budget given by the government to assist and support placements of children?  
There is no specific budget given to the council by the government for this service. From the total resources available to the council the following budgets have been allocated:  
Adoption Team - £2.798 million  
Fostering Team - £5.595 million
- 4: If any cash or promotional offers are granted to Social Workers in order to meet any OFSTED targets.  
Social workers are not given any cash or promotional offers in order to meet Ofsted targets.