

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 111557
Date 12 November 2015

Children in Foster Care

Request:

- 1) How many children were in foster care in your local authority on 31 October 2015?
[703 children in care in total, of which 466 were in foster care](#)
- 2) How many children in foster care on 31 October 2015 were in the care of an in-house (i.e employed by the local authority) foster carer?
[178](#)
- 3) How many children in foster care on 31 October 2015 were in the care of a foster carer arranged through an independent or voluntary fostering agency?
[288](#)
- 4) How much has the local authority spent on commissioning foster carers arranged through independent or voluntary fostering agencies in the financial year (April – March) a) 2012/13 b) 2013/14 c) 2014/15
[2012/13 £13.8 million](#)
[2013/14 £17.1 million](#)
[2014/15 £20.3 million](#)