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**Request and response:**

**We would like to know about the Fostering Contracts awarded by the Council.**

**1) Could you please name all the Councils listed in the contract (if part of a Consortia)**

Prior to 1 April 2018 Cornwall Council sourced placements through the South West Peninsula Framework.

In the interim period 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2020 the Council put interim arrangements in place.

**2) What we need are who are on the awarded list and the value for each provider**

Independent Fostering Placement Contracts Awarded During the Period of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018-31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

Action for Children – £349,973  
 Blue Sky Fostering - £87,566.28  
 Capstone Foster Care- £93,455  
 Ethelbert Fostering - £41,874  
 Five Rivers Childcare - £1,212,581  
 Foster Care Associates - £808,234  
 Fostering Foundation - £220,907  
 Fusion Foster Care - £129,198  
 National Fostering Agency - £203,170  
 Pathway Care Fostering - £394,488  
 Regional Foster Families - £109,699  
 SWISS Foster Care - £11,366

Under Section 22 (Information intended for future publication) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we will be releasing information about contracts not included in the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018-31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 time period at a future date. In applying this exemption we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosure. The Council has concluded that the public interest test favours non-disclosure because although disclosure of this information

would answer this request fully, the Council needs this time to formulate the document effectively before it is published on our website. Therefore in conclusion we are of the opinion that the balance of public interest favours non-disclosure of this information in all circumstances of the case at this time.

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**3) Any public link where we may view information on this contract as & when it is updated**

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**Information provided by:** Together for Families

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