

**FOI - 20131129-00086-1**

Mr Fox

Please find below the responses to your queries:

**Children's**

1. Who is the main contact/contacts for commissioning services within Children's social care? Please also provide their job title.

**Wendy Collins Commissioning Manager/ Karen Kauffman Family Support and Parenting Commissioner**

2. Do you currently use an IT system to support your strategic commissioning and contract management? If yes to either, please name the system(s) and details of costs.

**No - contracts are recorded on the procurement Contract System which was developed internally**

3. How many providers do you contract with for Children's services and are they internal/external?

**Varies we have 16 providers on the current Residential Framework and 31 on the current Fostering Framework all external - we have in house residential and short breaks service, 3 providers for children with disabilities/domiciliary care and also spot purchase from Knowsley framework for family support. We have a tendered service for advocacy**

4. Do you have a performance management framework to monitor the performance of providers?

**The Fostering Contract is monitored regionally**

**The Residential Contract monitoring documents are available through Placements NorthWest**

**Other service providers are monitored via collaborative regional processes or internal performance management monitoring**

**Adults**

1. Who is the main contact/contacts for commissioning services within Adult's social care? Please also provide their job title.

**John Edwards, Service Manager Commissioning and Transformation.**

2. Do you currently use an IT system to support your strategic commissioning and contract management? If yes to either, please name the system(s) and details of costs.

**No**

3. How many providers do you contract with for Adult's services and are they internal/external?

**Contract with external only, 156 providers.**

4. Do you have a performance management framework to monitor the performance of providers?

**Yes**

5. Do you currently use micro procurement (also known as micro commissioning or mini tendering) to arrange services?

**Yes**

6. Do you use brokerage or commissioning teams or do social workers/care managers contact providers direct?

**A mixture of all of the above, depending on the service.**

Regards

Andy Paton  
Systems & Information Management Officer