

FOI: 9832573 Fostering Team

1. Please, can you state the number of supervising social workers currently in your Fostering Team including practice managers and team managers?

We currently have two team managers and twelve supervising social workers.

2. Please, can you state the number of resignation submitted in financial year 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017 to present?

One retirement in 2015/16 and one resignation in 2017/18.

3. Please, can you state the protective characteristics of your current carers?

Foster carers undertake a range of courses, including safeguarding, while they maintain their approved foster care status. They are subject to regular supervising social work visits, including unannounced visits and an annual foster care review. All foster carers are members of the Foster Carers Association committee and the Fostering Network.

4. Please, can you state the number of total foster carers you currently have?

125 in house foster care households.

5. Please, can you state the protective characteristics of children currently in fostering placement?

Children are visited at their placement by their social worker on a regular basis. They are also subject to Looked After children reviews chaired by a Child's Independent Reviewing Officer (CIRO). Supervising social workers are also expected to see the children in placement when they visit.

6. Please, can you state the number of total children currently in foster placement?

As at 30th September 2017, 118 placed with in house foster carers and 77 placed with externally commissioned foster carers.

7. Please, can you state how many staff are currently suspended, being investigated or have been dismissed for misconduct between 2015 to present?

One

8. Please, can you state if any staff/senior managers are currently subject to investigation for alleged breach of the Equality Act within the LBTH children's service fostering Team?

None

9. Please, can you provide a breakdown of total staffing expenditure of the fostering team (staff salary, overtime, travel, training) for the financial year 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017 to present?

[See attached excel spreadsheet.](#)

10. Please, can you state what IT case management information system you use i.e framework-i, care works, swift or other and the annual expenditure for the information system used?

[Framework-i](#)

11. Please, can you advise what budget and financial management system is currently used by LBTH and the annual expenditure for the financial management information system?

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