

Response to Request for Information

Reference: FOI_8367
Date: 16th November 2017
Type of request Freedom of Information

Supervised Contact Service

1. Do you currently have your own "In House" Service, preferred suppliers list or master vendor contract in place for your Supervised Contact Service for children in care?

We have an in-house Service that provides supervised contact for Looked After Children in Cambridgeshire.

We have a preferred suppliers list.

The Access to Resources Team (ART) does not have a Master Contract, we supplied Contact Agreement Variations to all Fostering providers who were able to offer contact services.

2. If you have a contract in place, when will this be due for renewal and what is your process for announcing, advertising and applying for this opportunity?

ART does not have a formal contract with our providers. When we first started commissioning supervised contact services we put out a communication to all of our contracted Fostering providers. Those who agreed they could do it were given a Contact Agreement variation on their existing Fostering contracts.

There is no process at the moment. We previously sent an email to all of our contracted fostering providers about availability to provide contact supervisors, contact venues and transport workers.

3. If you have your own "In House" Service, do you ever spot purchase to support this service and would the service ever be put out for tender?

As stated in the answer to question 1, we do have an in-house Service, but at times we do need to spot purchase to support the service.

There are no plans to put the service out for tender.

4. Do you have any intention to review the existing provisions in place for your Supervised Contact Service?

We are currently in the process of reviewing the existing service provision.

5. What is the council's annual spend on outsourced agencies for supervised contact for 2015 - 2016 and 2016 - 2017?

2015 - 2016 – £0 via the Supervised Contact Service. There would have been some spend in the units, but I do not have this information.

2016 – 2017 – During this financial year the supervised contact provision sat with the Specialist Family Support Service. The total spend on outsourced agencies for contact totalled £5404.72

6. What is the name and contact details for the procurement and placement officer who is responsible for this service?

The name and contact details for the procurement and placement officer is – This was previously Paula Edwards, she drew up to the Contact Service Agreements/Variations but has since left the service.

David Petrie – Placement Officer, CFA.Accessstoresources@cambridgeshire.gov.uk, 01223 727 919

John Heron – Service Manager, CFA.Accessstoresources@cambridgeshire.gov.uk, 01223 727 919

Information Management Team

Box OCT1224, Cambridgeshire County Council

Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP

Tel: 01223 699137

Email: foi@cambridgeshire.gov.uk