



Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 25th July 2023, for information about commissioning of fostering services.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

1) Full Organisational Structure Chart for the Commissioning Department to include the names of all job titles and the names of post holders senior enough to be released (if not held, please supply the information in the form of a full list which should include the names of all the posts within the department, please specify if a certain position is currently vacant)

Response

Please see attached spread sheet 'Q1 CRPF – Commissioning'

2) In respect of finding a placement for a Looked After Child, please advise whether the Children Services' Department sends the referral to the Commissioning Department or employees within the Children Services Department makes the contact with Independent Fostering Agencies. Please provide a copy of your referral / contact form that is sent to the Independent Fostering Agencies by the Local Authority. Could you explain the process please or provide a guidance document that may exist to explain the procedure to employees

Response

Please see attached document 'Placement Matching (003)' and 'New Placement Search'.

3) Names of all Independent Fostering Agencies that a referral was made to by Local Authority between 1st September 2022 and 6th October 2022

Response

- Banya
- Chrysalis Consortium
- Corner Stone
- Homes 2 Inspire
- Homefinding and Fostering
- Ivy House Fostering
- Team Fostering

- Safebase Fostering
- Active Care Solutions Ltd
- Barnardo's
- By the Bridge North West Ltd
- Capstone Foster Care (North) Ltd
- Child Action North West
- Compass Fostering North Ltd
- Ethical Fostering Service Limited
- Family Foster Care
- Five Rivers Childcare Ltd
- Foster Care Associates
- Foster Care Link Ltd
- Fostering People Ltd
- Fosterplus Ltd
- Fusion Fostering Ltd
- Greater London Fostering
- Nexus Fostering
- Olive Branch Fostering
- Orange Grove FosterCare Ltd
- Parallel Parents
- Reach Out Care Ltd
- SWIIS Foster Care Ltd
- (TACT) The Adolescent and Children's Trust
- The Children's Family Trust
- The Foster Care Cooperative Ltd
- Three Circles Fostering Ltd
- The National Fostering Agency Ltd
- Tree House Care Fostering Solutions
- Unity Foster Care
- Young People at Heart

4) Total number of referrals made by Local Authority to Independent Fostering Agencies between 1st September 2022 and 6th October 2022

Response

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5) Template form used for Placement Planning Meetings

Response

Please see attached document 'Placement Agreement Mtg Template'

6) Template form for Family Group Conferences and any type of guidance document that is associated with Family Group Conferences that is accessible to employees

Response

Please see attached documents 'Request for Family Group Conference', 'FGC GDPR leaflet', 'FGC leaflet', 'Family group conference consent Form' and 'FGC children's leaflet'.

7) Full Organisational Structure Chart for your Children Services Department

Response

Please see attached document 'Q7 CYPF Structure'

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £212.50 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

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Yours sincerely,

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