

We would like to request the following data under the freedom of information act.

- 1) How many foster carers/families do you currently need in your area?

Last year we had the target to recruit 25 households.

- 2) How many children/young people in your council area were in foster care in the following years?

2023	2023 – 458
2022	2022 - 417
2021	2021 - 442
2020	2020 - 378
2019	2019 - 305
2018	2018 - 358

Foster Care Placements open as at 31st March of each year:

- 3) Would you say your council area has seen an increase in young people going into care in the past 12 months?

Yes, there were 245 CLA starting in the year April 22 – March 23 compared to 192 CLA starting in the year April 21 – March 22.