

## Response

Local Authority:	Wigan council
Date:	16/01/2024

1. Who, within the local authority, has <b>commissioning responsibility for Fostering placements for Looked After Children?</b> Please provide the following:	Name	Job title	Email address
	Ann Clarkson	Assistant Director, Prevention, Early Help & Sufficiency	<a href="mailto:placementsearches@wigan.gov.uk">placementsearches@wigan.gov.uk</a>

2. How many <b>approved foster carer households</b> are registered with the Local Authority as at 31st Mar-22, 30th Jun-22, 30th Sep-22, 31st Dec-22, 31st Mar-23, 30th Jun-23, 30th Sep-23 and Dec-23 (if unavailable please provide the most recent data available - please give date)? <i>Note: We are referring to in-house LA foster carer households excluding kinship carer households</i>	31st March 2022	30th June 2022	30th September 2022	31st December 2022	31st March 2023	30th June 2023	30th September 2023	31st December 2023
No. of approved foster carer households	187	187	192	189	186	186	178	183

3. How many <b>Looked After Children (LAC)</b> has the <b>Local Authority funded in foster care placements, with in-house foster carers, with Independent Fostering Agency (IFA) carers, with Kinship (family and friends) foster carers and with IFA therapeutic fostering placements</b> as at 31st Mar-22, 30th Jun-22, 30th Sep-22, 31st Dec-22, 31st Mar-23, 30th Jun-23, 30th Sep-23 and Dec-23 (if unavailable please provide the most recent data available - please give date)? <i>Note: Therapeutic foster care is also known as therapy foster care, multidimensional treatment foster care, specialist foster care, treatment foster (family) care and family-based treatment. It is designed for young people who cannot live at home, usually due to behavioural problems including chronic delinquency.</i>	31st March 2022	30th June 2022	30th September 2022	31st December 2022	31st March 2023	30th June 2023	30th September 2023	31st December 2023
No. of LAC in in-house foster carers	267	259	265	267	269	259	268	258
No. of LAC in IFA carers	82	87	82	91	98	94	100	102
No. of LAC in Kinship foster carers	50	62	86	94	93	95	105	117
No. of LAC in IFA therapeutic placements	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

4. What are the <b>average weekly fees</b> that the local authority would pay to foster care providers ( <b>in-house, IFAs and IFA therapeutic fostering placements</b> ) for the following age groups in 2021/2022, 2022/23 and year to date in 2023/2024?	0 to 4	5 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 18
In-house, 2021/22	274	317.7	374.89	403.81
IFA, 2021/22	1003.41	817.42	949.09	870.97
IFA therapeutic, 2021/22	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
In-house, 2022/23	297.49	347.94	398.05	437.74
IFA, 2022/23	958.67	885.43	962.46	935.07
IFA therapeutic, 2022/23	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
In-house, 2023/24 (year to date)	312.46	371.51	430.69	489.6
IFA, 2023/24 (year to date)	793.65	919.88	1036.61	1049.79
IFA therapeutic, 2023/24 (year to date)	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

5. Please provide a list of <b>Independent Fostering Agencies used by the council</b> . Please provide data for the last financial year 2022/23 (if available); if not, the most recent data available - please give date. a. Please provide the total number of placements with each agency. b. Please provide total expenditure with each agency.	Independent Fostering Agencies	Number of placements in 2022/23	Gross total expenditure in 2022/23
	Alpha Plus	2	85,684.19
	Barnardos	8	270,456.58
	By the Bridge	11	252,710.93
	Caritas	5	100,939.64
	Care 4 Children	1	16,964.15
	CFS Care	4	116,254.21
	Compass Fostering	6	190,626.15
	Excel Fostering	4	160,916.58
	Family Care Fostering	10	399,124.72
	First Affinity	2	124,292.58
	Foster Care Associates	12	319,671.38
	Foster Care Co-Operative	1	13,659.52
	Foster Careline	3	87,875.27
	Foster Cares	2	83,699.70
	Fostering People	1	20,044.72
	Fostering Solutions	23	685,929.65
	Fusion Fostering	2	78,095.88
	Next Stage Fostering	12	326,625.91
	Olive Branch Fostering	1	52,505.12
	Orange Grove	3	86,853.64
	Parrallel Parents	5	186,047.92
	Swiis	2	27,408.00
	The Adolescent & Childrens Trust	4	119,637.73
	Therapeutic Fostering	1	89,298.00
	Three Circles	1	53,354.38
	Together Trust	2	94,934.20
	Treehouse Care	4	174,731.28

6. What is the <b>gross total expenditure</b> (excluding fostering staff team costs) on fostering services for Looked After Children? Please provide actual figures for financial years 2019/20 to 2022/23, as well as budgeted expenditure for 2023/24.	2019/20 (actual)	2020/21 (actual)	2021/22 (actual)	2022/23 (actual)	2023/24 (budget)
Gross total expenditure	6,480,768.06	7,732,568.64	10,075,159.13	11,475,147.40	12,447,028.00