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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to Fostering Data.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many individual children (not placements) were placed into mainstream foster care by the LA over the past 12 months (or the most recent 12-month period that you're able to process)?

a) All mainstream foster placements current between 01 July 2022 – 30 June 2023

575 individual children were in mainstream foster care.

b) All mainstream foster placements that commenced between 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

230 children were placed into mainstream foster care.

2. Of those, please confirm how many individual children (not placements) were placed with foster carers of independent fostering agencies.

323 children placed in IFA placements

3. What is the minimum, maximum and average agency fee you have given to IFAs for individual children (not placements) placed as 'standard' placements?

Minimum: £328.62

Maximum: £2,100

Average: £894.11

4. What is the minimum, maximum and average agency fee you have given to IFAs for individual children (not placements) placed as 'enhanced' placements (including step-down, remand and children with disabilities)?

Minimum: £1,000

Maximum: £2,100

Average: £1,309.71

5. What is the minimum, maximum and average agency fee you have given to IFAs for parent and child placements (placement fee, not for individuals)?

Minimum £1,300

Maximum £1,947

Average £1,534.14

6. Of all individual children (not placements) placed in the 12-month period, please break down the numbers by ethnicity (categories you record)

a) All placements current between 01 July 2022 – 30 June 2023

Ethnicity	Number of children
African	39
Any other Asian background	25
Any other Black background	5
Any other ethnic group	14
Any other mixed background	26
Any other White background	26
Bangladeshi	1
Caribbean	5
Chinese	1
Gypsy/Roma	14
Indian	5
Not stated / not yet obtained	3
Pakistani	9
White and Asian	12
White and Black African	16
White and Black Caribbean	34
White British	338
White Irish	2

Total	575
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b) All placements that commenced between 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Ethnicity	Number of Children
African	25
Any other Asian background	15
Any other Black background	3
Any other ethnic group	4
Any other mixed background	11
Any other White background	12
Bangladeshi	1
Caribbean	3
Gypsy/Roma	6
Indian	1
Not yet obtained / Not know	2
Pakistani	7
White and Asian	6
White and Black African	4
White and Black Caribbean	13
White British	116
White Irish	1
Total	230

7. And also by religion

a) All placements current between 01 July 2022 – 30 June 2023

Religion	Count of Children
Agnostic	1
Atheist	5
Baptist	1
Catholic	49
Christian	56
Church of England	24
Hindu	2
Islam	1
Muslim	53
Nonconformist	1
None	327

Not stated	47
Roman Catholic	3
Sikh	3
Sunni Muslim	2
Total	575

b) All placements that commenced between 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Religion	Count of Children
Agnostic	1
Atheist	2
Baptist	1
Catholic	17
Christian	19
Church of England	4
Hindu	1
Islam	1
Muslim	38
None	113
Not stated	29
Roman Catholic	2
Sunni Muslim	2
Total	230

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Yours faithfully

