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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI614419224

Thank you for your request for information relating to FOI - Private Fostering.

You have requested the following information:

1) How many children are currently being privately fostered: an arrangement in which a child lives in the care of someone who is not the child's parents, a person with parental responsibility for the child, or a relative of the child for a period of 28 days or more.

Five as at 04/06/2024.

2) Of these, how many are with a private foster carer who did not notify the local authority before the arrangement began?

Two.

3) Please could you detail what checks the LA carries out on private foster carers?

Coventry City Council undertake a Private Fostering assessment to determine the suitability of the private fostering arrangement which includes DBS checks on all persons under the age of 16 within the household, parental consent is sought and references of the private foster carers completed. As part of the private fostering arrangements, an Independent Reviewing Officer is allocated to the child/young person and an annual review of arrangements is undertaken

4) Can you confirm a social worker always conducts a visit and check of the premises within seven days of being notified of an arrangement?

It is Coventry City Councils policy to conduct a visit and check the home of the private foster carers within 7 days of being notified of the arrangement.

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Yours faithfully

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