

Derby City Council – Response

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Information Requested	Response
1. How many children do you have in care in your Local Authority?	565
2. How many foster carers do you currently have approved in-house?	123 excluding kinship carers
3. In the financial year of March 31st 2023-1st April 2024 how many foster carers did you approve and how many resigned in that period?	13 mainstream approvals and 10 mainstream de-registrations
4. What are your top three sufficiency needs in terms of placement availability for children and young people?	Foster placements for children with EBD, Mental Health Needs and Trauma.  Residential placements for children with EBD and a learning need / disability, Mental Health needs and criminal / gang involvement.  We also struggle for placements for children and young people between the ages of 12 – 18 for both fostering and residential.
5. What are the fostering allowances in your service for mainstream foster carers?	0-4: £170  5-10: £187  11-15: £225.69  16-18, Staying Put and Supported lodgings £274.56  Plus skills payment



6. What is the % split between children placed in house and children placed in IFA?	34% in house 66% IFA
7. How many children do you have in residential care?	57 (K2 placements)
8. Do you have any specialist foster carer projects such as step across from residential care? Yes	Fostering Plus scheme (step down from residential care)  Parent and child fostering  Supported lodgings  STARS – A Social Investment Bond programme supporting step down from residential care.
9. If you do have a project of this kind, please answer the following:	
a) Is this an in-house project or outsourced to an IFA?	In house  STARS - Outsourced
b) How many children within this project had a plan of foster care but ended up in residential care due to lack of foster carer availability?	3 out of 3 (Fostering Plus)  8 out of 11 – STARS Jan 24-Oct 24
c) How many of the children in this project had a care plan of residential but are now ready to move into foster care?	0  5 – STARS Jan 24 – Oct 24
d) When did this project start and what is the duration of the project?	2022 and ongoing  STARS - 2021 – March 2025
e) How many children in total within this project are you aiming to move back into foster care?	Children needing to step down from residential on our Council vacancy list: 8  STARS - 5
f) Thus far, how many children have you successfully placed into foster care via this project?	3 (Fostering Plus)  STARS - 3



g) Of these children moved, have the children moved in the agreed timeframe? and if not what have been the barriers?	N/A as there was no set timeframe.  STARS - N/A as there was no set timeframe.
h) Are the children placed solo or alongside other children in care?	2 are currently placed solo and one with other children.  STARS – 2 are currently in solo placements and 1 is with another child.
i) What are the carers paid inhouse or IFA paid per placement per child stepping from residential into foster care?	In house: £500 per week skills payment plus basic fostering allowance and other child related payments, eg birthdays.  Supported lodgings fee: £274.56 per week  IFA - £1,200 pw on average.
j) Is there an aftercare package attached to this project and if so, what does this consist of in terms of support?	There are a variety of support packages, including therapeutic support for foster carers, direct work with children, additional respite and day care provision. Examples are STARS, AFC and Mockingbird

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