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| Derby City Council – Response |
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| Information Requested | Response |
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| 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? | <p>Foster placements for children with EBD, Mental Health Needs and Trauma.</p> <p>Residential placements for children with EBD and a learning need / disability, Mental Health needs and criminal / gang involvement.</p> <p>We also struggle for placements for children and young people between the ages of 12 – 18 for both fostering and residential.</p> |
| 5. What are the fostering allowances in your service for mainstream foster carers? | <p>0-4: £170</p> <p>5-10: £187</p> <p>11-15: £225.69</p> <p>16-18, Staying Put and Supported lodgings £274.56</p> <p>Plus skills payment</p> |

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| 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 |

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| 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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