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

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

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

Minimum: £421.47

Maximum: £963.88

Average: £793.56

**4. Of the independent fostering agencies used by the local authority, which company provides the most placements for individual children?**

Sunbeam.

**5. What is the average weekly cost for in-house local authority provision for individual children placed as ‘standard’ placements?**

In House Fostering Average Per Week: £426

**6. For the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 (so far):**

**a) How many individual children were placed with foster carers of independent fostering agencies**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** | **2023/24****(so far)** | **Notes** |
| 21 | 22 | 12 | 14 | 32 | 24 | Figures are based on children in care during the period Apr to Mar for each year accordingly |

**b) How many individual children were placed with in-house/council-registered foster carers**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** | **2023/24****(so far)** | **Notes** |
| 112 | 101 | 110 | 120 | 94 | 91 | Figures are based on children in care during the period Apr to Mar for each year accordingly |

**c) What is your annual spend on: in-house fostering, independent fostering agencies, residential children’s homes?**

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|  | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** | **2023/24 (so far)** |
| **Independent Fostering Agency** | 339,672 | 223,679 | 85,043 | 441,449 | 785,506 | 335,198 |
| **In house fostering** | 1,499,305 | 1,650,606 | 1,473,815 | 1,576,301 | 1,604,899 | 1,134,677 |
| **Residential Childrens Homes** | 1,769,204 | 3,501,714 | 2,386,211 | 2,546,954 | 3,657,833 | 4,678,170 |

**7. What is the current average cost of a residential placement for an individual child with an IFA and what is the cost for a residential placement for an individual child with a council-registered provider?**

This information is available by using the above information to calculate.