

FOI Reference Number: FOI/176/1819

Date: 18 July 2018

**Request:**

- 1) Please provide the number of children/ young people in care (CLA) at March 31st 2018.
- 2) Please provide the number of CLA placed in IFA foster care placements at March 31st 2018.
- 3) Please provide the number of CLA placed out of borough / authority boundary in IFA foster care placements at March 31st 2018.
- 4) What provision do you have for foster care placements (e.g. in house, frameworks, blocks, spots) and how many placements did these arrangements accommodate for 2017/18.
- 5) If you have internal provision for children's foster care, please specify the number of placements you are able to accommodate in this provision (including filled and vacant beds).
- 6) Please specify the provider name of any block contracts for children's foster care you have, broken down by the number of beds they are contracted to provide if more than one provider.
- 7) For block contracts please specify whether these are for specific categories of need i.e. preventing residential, children with disabilities, step down from residential, sibling groups etc.
- 8) For any block contracts, please specify when these contracts commenced and the duration of these contracts.
- 9) Please provide details for the actual spend for 2017/18 for IFA foster care placements commissioned from Block Contracts.
- 10) Please provide the average weekly spend for 2017/18 for IFA placements commissioned from Block Contracts.
- 11) Please provider details - role, name, job title, email address for staff within your authority involved in the commissioning of provision for CLA.

**Answer:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 17 July 2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested.

Please note that in Northern Ireland district councils are not responsible for the provision of the above.

Please contact the Northern Health and Social Care Trust who should be able to help you with your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/176/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>. If this is the case, any personal details in relation to your request will be removed to protect your privacy.