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**Request for Information: Ref NCC-036548-18  
Looked after children services**

Thank you for your request for information relating to looked after children services. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

**Please could you provide a copy of the local authority's most recent sufficiency statement for looked after children services?** Please see attached sufficiency statement for looked after children services.

**Please could you let me know when the local authority plans to publish the next update to its sufficiency statement for looked after children services.** NCC have a new strategy in draft form which is working its way through the necessary formal approval processes will be formally published in the coming months, no date yet available.

**Please could you provide information on the following:**

**In 2018, of all of the foster carer de-registrations which were initiated by the carer, how many were offered exit interviews?** NCC have had 2 fostering households where the final decision has been not suitable to continue to foster in the period April 2018-March 2019.

**In 2018, of all of the foster carer de-registrations which were initiated by the carer, please provide a summary of the reasons for deregistering**

Foster carers can only be deregistered after going to fostering panel. However foster carers can resign -in terms of reasons why they are as follows;

- Resignation following concerns and allegations
  - Resignation due to coming to the end of a fostering career and retiring
- Good practice is that FTM's visit foster carers if they wish to resign, however this is not formally recorded as an interview and is not an expectation in every case.

**What current estimate do you have of children who will need to be fostered as part of a sibling group both now and in future years?** We are unable to report on this estimate as our reporting function does not have a field to capture when children are part of a sibling group or not.

**How many foster carers are currently able to accommodate sibling groups?** 104 can take 2+ placements. We're interpreting this as if they could therefore take a sibling group.

We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publish previous Freedom of Information Requests and answers on our website, [click here](#) to see the Disclosure logs.

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