Further to your Information request FOI64887 please find your questions and our responses below:

1. Please provide your adoption targets for the past 5 years, including 2013-14. (Please provide a yearly breakdown).

Response:
Q1. Target for adopter approvals:
2013-14: 15
2012-13: 10
2011-12: 6
2010-11: 6
2009-10: 6

2. Please provide the amount of children adopted in the past 5 years. (Please provide a yearly breakdown).

Response:
Q2. Adoptions:
2012-13: 2
2011-12: 6
2010-11: 5
2009-10: 2
2008-9: 12

3. Please provide the amount of money received from central Government for reaching the target mentioned in Q1.

Response: Nil

4.

A) Please provide the policies and procedures which relate to social services removing children from the care of their parents.

Response: Policy/Procedures which relate to social services removing children from the care of their parents
I attach the RBWM Children in Care policy this is based on the Children Acts 1989 and 2004, the Adoption and Children Act 2002 and the Care Planning, Placements & Case Review (England) Regulations 2010. I also attach the Public Law Outline which details the policy and procedures that must be applied when considering instituting care proceedings.

As the documents are very large please contact us at FOI@rbwm.gov.uk

Section 20 of the Children Act 1989 is our starting point whereby under section 20 (1): -
Every local authority shall provide accommodation for any child in need within their area who appears to them to require accommodation as a result of—
c) the person who has been caring for him being prevented (whether or not permanently, and for whatever reason) from providing him with suitable accommodation or care.

B) Please provide the criteria which has to be fulfilled to make a child eligible for being adopted out of a parents care

The criteria which has to be fulfilled to make a child eligible for being adopted out of a parents care
Children in the care of the local authority are placed for adoption under the Adoption and Children Act 2002. Children are placed for adoption either with parental consent (section 19) or where a Placement Order is made by a court (section 21). Applications for adoption of the child are made under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act. The Order is made by the Court.

This concludes your request FOI64887

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Yours sincerely

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