Further to your Information request FOI65964 please find your questions and our responses below:

1. How many children do you have placed at the date of your response with in-house Local Authority foster carers and how many with Independent Fostering Providers? Of these could you break down the total number of children who are aged under 10 and those who are over 10 years old?
2. Please provide the contact details (name, job title, telephone and email) of staff in the following roles:
   a. Fostering Team Manager
   b. Budget holder responsible for in-house foster care budget
   c. Budget holder for independent foster care placements expenditure
   d. Individual responsible for in-house fostering recruitment
   e. Service Lead / Commissioner responsible for use of independent fostering providers

In-House Fostering Service
1. How many new foster carer households has your in-house fostering service recruited so far in the financial year 2013/14?
2. Of these, how many of them transferred from an Independent Fostering Provider?
3. How many foster carer households has your in-house fostering service deregistered so far in 2013/14?
4. What is the target or anticipated number of new foster carer households your in-house fostering service plans to recruit in the financial year 2014/15
5. Please provide a copy of the payment structure (fees and allowances) you offer your in-house foster carers
6. Based on all of your current in-house fostering placements (excluding short break and respite), what is the average weekly cost of a placement with an in-house foster carer?
7. What was your actual and projected budget expenditure for in-house fostering placements in the financial year 2013/14
8. What is your projected budget expenditure for in-house fostering placements in the financial year 2014/15

Use of Independent Fostering Providers (IFPs)
1. Does your Local Authority have a tendered foster care framework in place for Independent Fostering Providers?
   a. If so, which Independent Fostering Providers are on the contract
   b. Also is this a collaborative contract, and if so which other Local Authorities use it?
2. Based on all of your current independent fostering placements (excluding short break and respite), what is the average weekly cost of your placements with Independent Fostering Providers?
3. What was your actual and projected budget expenditure for independent fostering placements in the financial year 2013/14
4. What is your projected budget expenditure for independent fostering placements in the financial year 2014/15?
5. Please provide the names of the 5 largest Independent Fostering Providers in terms of total number of placements within your Local Authority catchment area. If you require translation of the information you have been sent please do not hesitate to contact us.

Response:

1. Information not held with in-house carers and 33 in IFA, 12 under 10 and 21 over 10.
2. Julia Brown – Julia.brown@rbwm.gov.uk
   Keith Francis – keith.francis@rbwm.gov.uk
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In-house fostering service:

1. 6
2. 0
3. 2
4. 20
5. Total of up to £311 per week under current scheme (being reviewed)
6. £255
7. Actual: less than £1m; projected less than £1m
8. Approx £1.5m

Use of IFPs:

1. Yes – we are a member authority using a collaborative framework agreement: South Central Framework agreement. Other authorities using this: N/K
2. Approx. £800 per week
3. Actual: less than £1.5m; projected: less than £1.5m
4. Less than £1m
5. Unable to provide this information

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Please send any feedback to the Information Management Team Manager either by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address above.

Yours sincerely

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