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Request:

I would like to know for the local authority (LA) of North Tyneside:

1. Who in the North Tyneside (LA) deals with referrals and placements for children's social care?
2. Who commissions foster placements?
3. Are there currently any frameworks in that North Tyneside? If so, when are they up for renewal and what is the process.
4. What is their urgent need in foster placements i.e. teenagers, families with 2 adults, those who can care for children with complex needs etc. Where are there gaps with their current providers?
5. How many foster children are you currently responsible for?
6. What IFA's do you currently work with?

Response:

1. The Fostering Team deal with referrals for foster care (both in-house and independent fostering agencies). Information is available on the North Tyneside Council website here: [What is fostering? | North Tyneside Council](#)
The Commissioning Team deal with referrals for other types of children's social care. See contact details below.
2. The lead commissioner for Independent Fostering Agencies is Rebecca Bacon, Commissioning Manager, Email: Rebecca.bacon@northtyneside.gov.uk

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3. There is a regional procurement solution for Independent Fostering Agencies and a sub-regional procurement solution for Education, Health and Social Care placements, which includes children's homes, independent special schools and residential short breaks. Newcastle City Council are the Lead LA for the procurement solutions and all information is available via the NEPO website [Home | NEPO](#)
4. Information including our Fostering Strategy which outlines our needs is available on the North Tyneside Council website [What is fostering? | North Tyneside Council](#)
5. 235 as at 13/12/2022 (including those with connected person carers)
6. Acorn House
Action for Children
Compass
Cornerstone
Foster Care Associates
Foster Care Solutions
Foster Cares
Fostering North East (St Cuthbert's Care)
Fostering People
SWIIS
TACT
Team Fostering
The Fostering Company