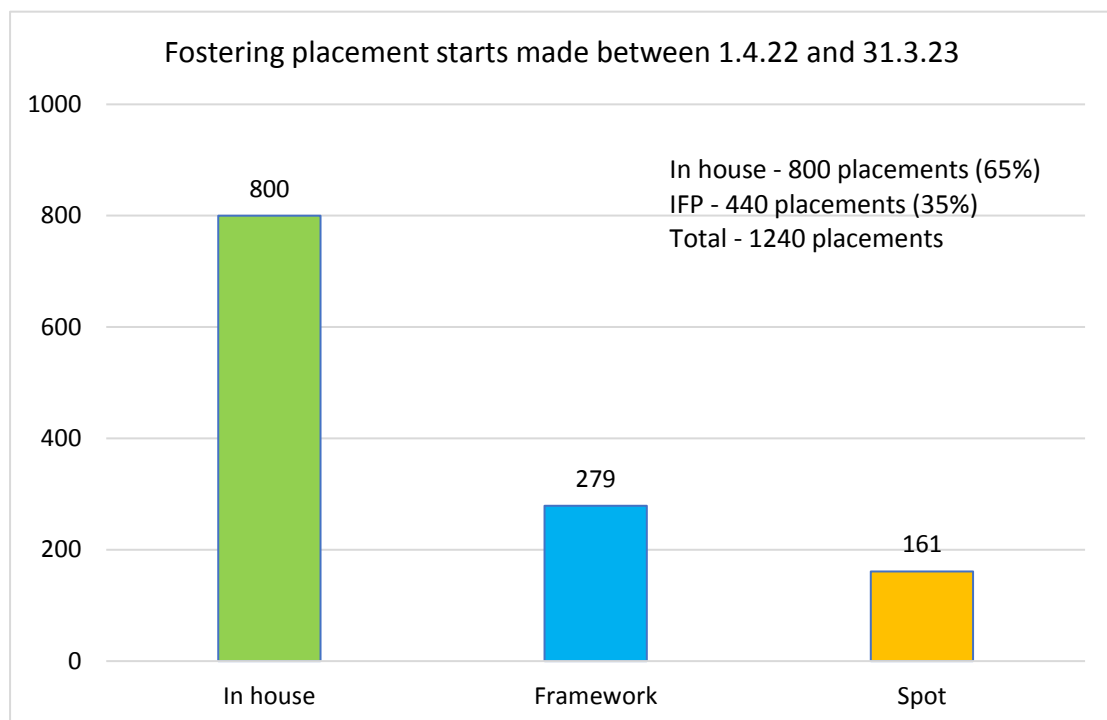


Appendix A - Utilisation of the Kent and Medway IFP Framework Agreement – Year 1 2022-2023

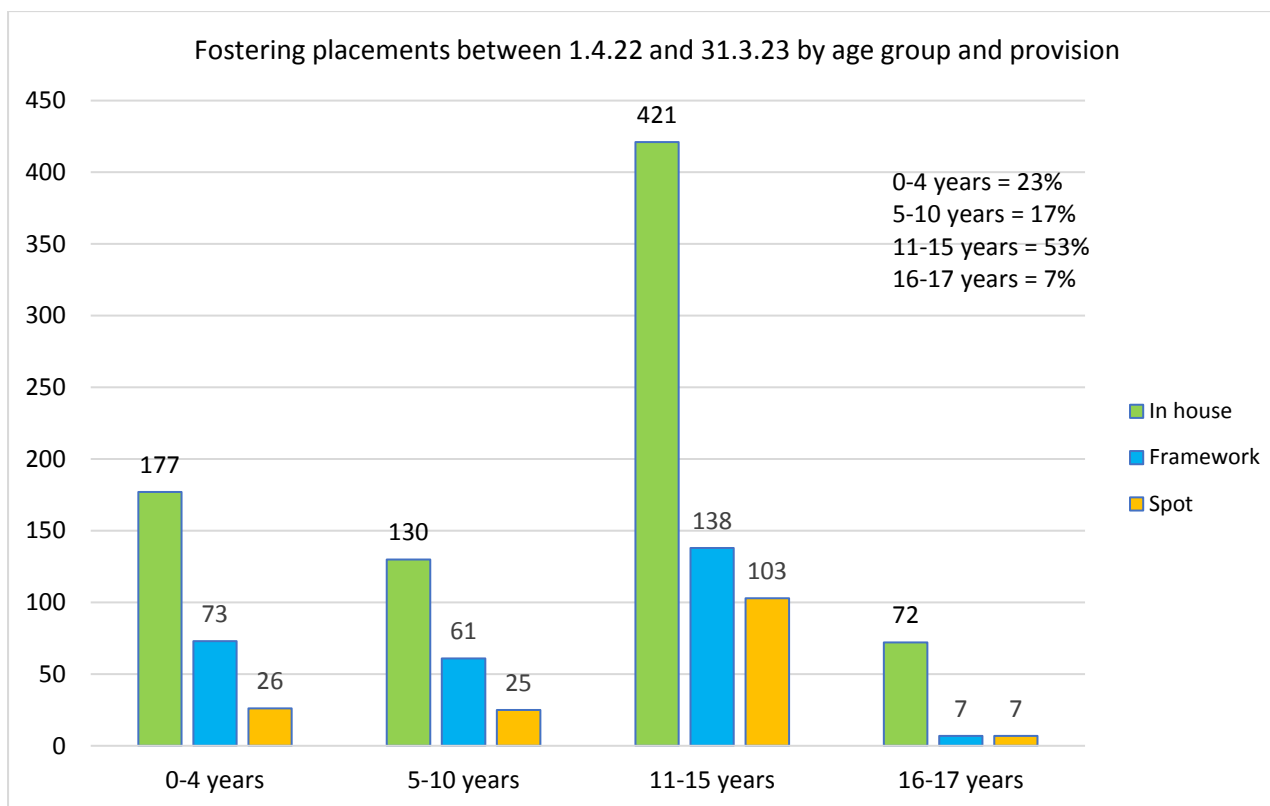
1. Utilisation

- 1.1 The following data gives an overview of the utilisation of the Framework Agreement for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.
- 1.2 This chart shows the number of new fostering placement starts across all provider types (in-house, Framework and spot).



- 1.3 In Year 1 we are seeing 35% of fostering placement starts are made with Independent Fostering Providers. We are experiencing a slight increase in the number of placements which are being spot purchased and this was heavily influenced by the number of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking (UAS) children received into the Council's care.
- 1.4 Other factors influencing the use of spot purchasing include the lack of foster carers with vacancies and this is particularly acute in the Southeast of England. When our Framework providers are unable to offer a foster care vacancy then by necessity we are required to extend the search for appropriate placements further afield from spot providers. There are also times when the specific needs of individual children cannot be met by the foster carers that are available through our Framework Agreement meaning that we will search more widely to ensure an appropriate match with the child is made.

1.5 The largest majority of placements made continue to be for the 11-15 years age group. The chart below shows the breakdown placement made by age group.



2. Quality of Providers

2.1 Nearly all Framework Providers have an Ofsted rating of Good or Outstanding and the following gives a breakdown of those ratings by their registered offices.

Ofsted Rating	Number of Framework Providers (by Ofsted Registered Office)
Outstanding	15
Good	31
Requires Improvement	1
Inadequate	0

(Some Framework Providers have multiple Ofsted registered offices through which we are able to source fostering placements through this contract).