

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 003341
Date 11 March 2019

Childrens Homes

Request:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) in relation to Childrens Homes:

Childrens Home Statistics

Please advise;

1. The number of registered Childrens Homes operated by the Local Authority as at 1st January 2019 and as at 1st January 2018? **1** ([This is a Short Break home](#)).
2. The number of registered Childrens Homes operated by an Independent (private or voluntary) provider within your Local Authority as at 1st January 2019 and as at 1st January 2018? [Please refer to the Ofsted website, as this is public data.](#)

LAC Statistics

Please advise;

3. The number of current looked after children (LAC)? **636**
4. The number of LAC currently placed within Local Authority Childrens homes? **0**
5. The number of LAC currently placed within Independent Childrens homes? **40**

Framework & Non-Framework Providers & Fees

6. In relation to any Frameworks you currently operate with Independent Childrens Home Providers, please provide the following information (including Provider name) about the number of LAC placed with Independent Childrens Homes, the average weekly fee paid for these placements, per type specified and whether the fees include any discounts agreed with said Provider. Please also advise the **totals** for all placements in each type specified i.e. total average weekly fee & total no of CYP in placement.

Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above requested information.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act"), that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

To advise and assist you under Section 16 of the FOIA, you need to re-direct your enquiry to the relevant organisation. For reference we have provided their link below:

Birmingham Children's Trust are the lead on the contracting agreement. Contact – Catheryngreenway@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk; varindersaygu@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk

7. As per question 6, please provide the same information; however, this time in relation to Non-Framework Providers i.e. where the Local Authority (LA) has placed with Independent Childrens Home Providers using a Spot Purchase mechanism because the Provider is not on a Framework with the LA. Please also advise the **totals** for all placements in each type specified i.e. total average weekly fee & total no of CYP in placement.

As above.