

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000785
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Looked After Children

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I'd be grateful if you would provide the following information in relation to children looked-after by the local authority:-

- 1 How many children are looked-after by the Local Authority?
[As of 20th January 2017, 641 children](#)

- 2 How many children that are looked-after by the Local Authority have a diagnosis of autism (Autism Spectrum Disorder, Asperger Syndrome)?
[12 of the 641 have a "diagnosis of autism", as measured by the "Autism/Aspergers" Disability classification being on their record. Please note, we cannot distinguish how many are Autism and Asperger separately.](#)

- 3 Has the Designated Health Professional/CCG ever reported to the Corporate Parenting Board on the numbers and needs of looked-after children with an autism diagnosis? If so please forward a link to this report (See <http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/g5369/Public%20reports%20pack%20Tuesday%2008-Nov-2016%2014.00%20Corporate%20Parenting%20Committee.pdf?T=10>, Agenda Item 6 as an example of one such report)
[See attached](#)

- 4 Has the Virtual School Head ever reported to the Corporate Parenting Board on the numbers and needs of looked-after children with an autism diagnosis? If so please forward a link to this report.
[No.](#)

- 5 Does the Local Authority have in place protocols to ensure that social workers and others (eg Independent Reviewing Officers, Virtual School Heads, personal assistants, carers) who support a looked-after child with autism are always aware of a child's autism diagnosis? If so please provide details.
[See attached](#)