

Response to Request for Information

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Looked after Children

Request:

We require data pertaining to each child placed in specialist residential 2+:1 placements (used for LAC who are deemed perhaps too difficult to care for in traditional children's homes/foster homes and sometimes requested as an alternative to a secure children's home) in both 2015 and 2016.

1. Population served
 - [ONS Mid Year Population Estimate 2016 for 0-17 Years Olds – 58167](#)
2. Available data pertaining to demographics/socio-economic status of general population served
 - [see attached PDF document](#)
3. Population of looked after children in 2016
 - [Data regarding looked after children during 2016-17 can be found in the statistical first release published by Department for Education last month. Link below will direct to the page containing the release –](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/children-looked-after-in-england-including-adoption-2016-to-2017>

In particular, document entitled 'Local Authority Tables: SFR50/2017' gives a breakdown of all looked after children by local authority.

4. Number of looked after children placed in specialist residential 2+:1 placements in 2015 and 2016
[This question has now been considered and the City of Wolverhampton Council is not obliged to supply the information you requested for the reasons set out below.](#)

[Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires City of Wolverhampton Council, when refusing to provide such information \(because the information is exempt\) to provide you, the applicant with a notice which:](#)

- (a) [states the fact,](#)
- (b) [specifies the exemption in question and](#)

(c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies:

In relation to your particular request, the following exemption applies:

Section 12 - Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

We can confirm that the Council holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 allows a public authority to refuse a request if the cost of providing the information to the applicant would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information.

The Regulations provide that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by local authorities is £450 (equivalent to 18 hours of work). In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

- (a) *Determining whether it holds the information,*
- (b) *Locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,*
- (c) *Retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information,*
- and*
- (d) *Extracting the information from a document containing it.*

For the purposes of the estimate the costs of performing these activities should be estimated at a rate of £25 per hour.

The information appertaining to your request is not easily accessible and as such this information is not held as a distinct set able to be retrieved or reported on. To get the information would require a full scale search of our social care system to look into all individual records. This would be a manual exercise and as such we believe that the aggregated time it would take to collate the information would be in excess of 18 hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450).

5. Anonymised information for the above as according to the attached table. As above.

AGE, SEX, ETHNICITY, RELIGION, LANGUAGE				
Age Groups	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
0-4	16,687	6.7	7.0	6.3
5-10	17,193	6.9	7.3	6.7
11-15	15,543	6.2	6.1	5.9
16-18	10,057	4.0	4.1	3.8
19+	189,990	76.2	75.5	77.3
Total people aged 0-18	59,480	23.8	24.5	22.7
Total dependent children	56,855	22.8	23.2	21.6
*Total residents (all age)	249,470	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sex	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
Males	29,107	51.2	51.2	51.1
Females	27,748	48.8	48.8	48.9
*Total dependent children	56,855	100.0	100.0	100.0
Ethnic Composition	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
White: British	31,527	55.5	57.0	74.4
Irish	66	0.1	0.3	0.3
Gypsy/Irish Traveller	68	0.1	0.1	0.2
Other	1,341	2.4	3.1	3.6
Mixed: White & Black Caribbean	4,074	7.2	3.9	1.8
White & Black African	266	0.5	0.7	0.7
White & Asian	1,199	2.1	1.9	1.5
Other	833	1.5	1.3	1.1
Asian: Indian	7,902	13.9	4.7	2.7
Pakistani	1,691	3.0	12.0	3.6
Bangladeshi	116	0.2	2.7	1.5
Chinese	246	0.4	0.6	0.5
Other	1,889	3.3	2.7	1.8
Black: African	1,408	2.5	3.4	2.9
Caribbean	1,851	3.3	2.0	1.1
Other	1,169	2.1	1.6	1.0
Other ethnic group:	1,209	2.1	2.2	1.3
*Total dependent children	56,855	100.0	100.0	100.0
Religion	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
Christian	25,678	45.2	39.6	50.9
Buddhist	172	0.3	0.2	0.3
Hindu	2,157	3.8	1.4	1.5
Jewish	7	0.0	0.1	0.5
Muslim	3,180	5.6	20.1	8.6
Sikh	5,765	10.1	3.0	0.9
Other	584	1.0	0.3	0.2
No religion	15,287	26.9	28.2	29.3
Not stated	4,025	7.1	7.2	7.8
*Total dependent children	56,855	100.0	100.0	100.0
English as main language	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
Main language is English	43,779	93.8	91.0	94.3
Can speak English very well or well	2,456	5.3	7.6	4.8
Cannot speak English well or at all	417	0.9	1.4	0.8
*Total dependent children aged 3+	46,652	100.0	100.0	100.0

FAMILY SIZE & TYPE				
Family size	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
1 dep. child in family	15,487	22.5	21.8	19.8
2 dep. children in family	11,164	16.2	16.2	16.2
3+ dep. children in family	5,336	7.8	9.4	7.0
Total families with dependent children	31,987	46.5	47.4	43.1
Total families without dependent children	36,786	53.5	52.6	56.9
*Total families	68,773	100.0	100.0	100.0
Family Type of families with dep. children	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
Married couple: non step-family	14,151	44.2	46.8	51.5
Married couple: Step-family	1,421	4.4	4.4	5.0
Cohabiting couple: non step-family	3,844	12.0	12.0	11.9
Cohabiting couple family: Step-family	998	3.1	2.9	3.0
Male lone parent family	1,251	3.9	3.6	3.1
Female lone parent family	10,322	32.3	30.3	25.5
*Total families with dependent children	31,987	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>The term 'Non step-family' is not a common one, but it means that all children belong to both members of the couple.</i>				

TENURE, ACCOMMODATION, OVERCROWDING				
Tenure	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
Owned outright	5,161	9.1	9.3	8.9
Mortgage or loan or shared ownership	23,878	42.0	44.8	50.7
Rented: Social rented	17,887	31.5	26.6	21.3
Rented: Private rented or living rent free	9,929	17.5	19.3	19.1
*Total dependent children	56,855	100.0	100.0	100.0
Accommodation	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
Detached	9,051	15.9	15.7	23.4
Semi-detached	30,495	53.6	42.1	36.5
Terraced (including end-terrace)	12,474	21.9	33.6	28.7
Fiat, maisonette or apartment	4,835	8.5	8.6	11.4
or mobile/temporary accommodation				
*Total dependent children	56,855	100.0	100.0	100.0
Overcrowded Households	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
Overcrowded (-1 or -2 bedrooms)	4,315	13.5	14.7	10.9
Not overcrowded (0, +1, +2 bedrooms)	27,660	86.5	85.3	89.1
*Total households with dependent children	31,975	100.0	100.0	100.0

HEALTH, DISABILITY, YOUNG CARERS (all aged 0-15 inclusive)				
General Health	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
Good and very good	47,761	96.6	96.3	97.1
Fair	1,270	2.6	2.8	2.2
Bad and very bad	392	0.8	0.9	0.6
Disability	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
Limited a lot or a little	2,104	4.3	4.4	3.7
Not limited	47,319	95.7	95.6	96.3
Unpaid Care	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
Does not provide unpaid care	48,829	98.8	98.9	98.9
Provides unpaid care	594	1.2	1.1	1.1
*Total residents aged 0-15	49,423	100.0	100.0	100.0

WORKLESS HOUSEHOLDS				
	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
Households with dependent children - no adult in employment	7,287	7.1	6.3	4.2
Households without dependent children - no adult in employment	33,009	32.3	30.3	29.1
Households where no adults in employment in household (overall)	40,296	39.4	36.6	33.3
*Total households in the area	102,177	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>% of workless households with dependent children</i>		<i>18.1</i>	<i>17.1</i>	<i>12.5</i>

ECON. ACTIVITY OF PARENTS WITH DEP. CHILDREN				
	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
In Employment	35,776	68.3	69.3	76.8
Couple family: Both parents working	23,804	45.5	45.9	55.6
Couple family: One parent working, other unemployed or inactive	6,053	11.6	12.6	11.2
Lone parent family: Parent working	5,919	11.3	10.9	9.9
Unemployed	4,378	8.4	6.6	4.7
Couple family: One parent working, one unemployed	1,367	2.6	2.1	1.8
Couple family: No parents working, both unemployed	1,407	2.7	2.1	1.2
Lone parent family: Parent unemployed	1,604	3.1	2.4	1.7
Economically Inactive	12,209	23.3	24.0	18.5
Couple family: One parent working, one economically inactive	4,675	8.9	10.4	9.4
Couple family: No parents working, both economically inactive	3,502	6.7	6.5	4.0
Lone parent family: Parent economically inactive	4,032	7.7	7.1	5.1
*All parents aged 16+ with dependent children	52,363	100.0	100.0	100.0

SOCIAL GRADE OF ADULTS LIVING WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN				
	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
AB Higher and intermediate managerial / admin / prof occupations	10,223	14.5	16.5	24.1
C1 Supervisory, clerical, junior managerial / admin / prof occupations	17,598	24.9	25.1	27.7
C2 Skilled manual occupations	17,553	24.9	22.4	22.8
DE Semi-skilled and unskilled manual occupations; unemployed and lowest grade occupations	25,181	35.7	36.1	25.3
*All adults aged 16-64 living with dependent children	70,555	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>This is all adults aged 16-64 living in households that contains dependent children.</i>				
<i>Please note: those adults are not necessarily their parents, they may be older siblings for instance.</i>				

CAR / VAN AVAILABILITY				
	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
No cars or vans in household with dependent children	8,142	25.5	24.7	17.5
1+ cars or vans in household with dependent children	23,833	74.5	75.3	82.5
*Total households with dependent children	31,975	100.0	100.0	100.0

USUAL ADDRESS 1 YEAR BEFORE CENSUS (MIGRATION) (all aged 0-15 inclusive)				
	Total	%	SN %	Eng %
Lived at same address one year ago	44,091	89.2	89.1	88.9
Migrants: Moved within the area	3,916	7.9	8.1	7.2
Migrants: Moved into the area from within the UK	1,133	2.3	2.1	3.1
Migrants: Moved into the area from outside the UK	283	0.6	0.8	0.8
<i>Total moved into the area from outside</i>	<i>1,416</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>3.9</i>
*Total residents aged 0-15	49,423	100.0	100.0	100.0