

Response to Request for Information

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Children in Care

Request:

I would like to request information about the number of children in care in your area.

If possible, please could you provide a breakdown of the following for each of the last 10 calendar years, including the year to date:

- 1) The number of children in the care of your local authority
- 2) The number of children in foster care
- 3) The number of children in a Children's Home

In response to questions 1, 2 and 3 above please see table supplied below.

Year	Number of Looked After Children at 31st March	Foster Care Placements (internal/external agencies, and does not include foster placements with relatives or friends)	Childrens Home Placements
2018	639	412	40
2017	639	435	32
2016	654	448	39
2015	778	509	49
2014	772	538	56
2013	657	445	47
2012	575	435	43
2011	491	374	45
2010	404	284	37
2009	368	165	36

- 4) The approved budgets for children's social care services – this can be broken down by financial year if this is how it's recorded. (If the council does not categorise children's social care services in this way, please provide the figure for all children's services excluding education.)

Financial Year	Budget £000*
2009-2010	35,830
2010-2011	33,321
2011-2012	34,089
2012-2013	36,188
2013-2014	40,679
2014-2015	46,673
2015-2016	57,908
2016-2017	58,444
2017-2018	56,136
2018-2019	58,996

* Budget information taken from annual Revenue Account Return