

Response to Request for Information

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Looked After Children

Request:

I wish to make a request under the freedom of information act

1. How many children are presently on the council's looked after register as of May 2018? [There is no Looked after Children register. As of 31st May 2018 – we have 642 looked after children](#)

That is children that are

- a) with foster parents – [415 \(this excludes children placed with a relative or friend\)](#)
 - b) at home with their parents under the supervision of social services - [43](#)
 - c) in residential children's homes - [42](#)
 - d) other residential settings like schools or secure units.- [11](#)
- 2) What is the number of children in each of the above four categories? [See above](#)
 - 3) What was the number of total number of 'looked after children' for the financial years?
 - a) 2016-2017 – [Number as at 31st March 2017 – 640 children](#)
 - b) 2017-2018 – [Number as at 31st March 2018 – 648 children](#)
 - 4) As of May of 2018, what is the average annual cost per child to the authority of children in each of the above categories? e.g what is the average cost to the authority of placing a child with foster parents for a year.

a) with foster parents	£33,883
b) at home with their parents under the supervision of social services	£1,922
c) in residential children's homes	£161,327
d) other residential settings like schools or secure units	£27,454
 - 5) How much has the authority budgeted for its looked after service for 2018-19?
[Budget - £27,885,729](#)

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- 6) How much did it budget for the looked after service for 2017-18 and how much did it actually spend?

Budget - £27,613,733

Actual Spend - £28,779,074

- 7) How much did it budget for the looked after service for 2016-17 and how much did it actually spend?

Budget - £29,181,287

Actual Spend - £28,196,963