

REQUEST | CHILDREN REQUIRING ACCOMMODATION

- How many 16 and 17 year olds were presented to your local authority as 'requiring accommodation' for any of the reasons specified in s.20 Children Act 1983 in the periods (as per your financial year)
- i. 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018?
- ii. 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019?
- iii. 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020?
- iv. 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021?
- v. 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2022?
- 2. Please complete the (attached) table as per your financial year. Please only include 16/17 year olds accommodated alone, not with their families:
- 3. Please complete the (attached) table as per your financial year. Please only include 16/17 year olds accommodated alone, not with their families:

RESPONSE

See attached – the only data recorded in a reportable format is the information in Q2 Total number of 16/17 year olds accommodated under **s.20 Children Act 1983.**

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244) set out the rules in relation to the cost limit (otherwise called the "appropriate limit"). These Regulations are published by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and are viewable on their web site from this link: http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/uksi 2004324 4 en.pdf

The Regulations set out the cost limit for Government departments and for other public authorities. For local government, Regulation 3 states that the cost limit is £450 and Regulation 4(4) states that the prescribed hourly rate is £25. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA. I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case.

Number housed in accommodation also occupied by adults who do not provide contracted care and support (including adult hostel accommodation and shared accommodation with floating support). To obtain this information we would need to look at 96 individual records. To look at each record may take approximately 15 minutes, that would amount to 24 hours. It is very likely to take longer than 15 minutes, particularly with 'older' cases.

Q2) Please complete the following table - as per your financial year. Please only include 16/17 year olds accommodated alone, not with their families:

	1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018	1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019	1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020	1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021	1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022
Total number of 16/17 year olds accommodated under section 17 of the Children Act 1983					
Total number of 16/17 year olds accommodated under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended)					
Total number of 16/17 year olds accommodated on another basis apart from section 20 of the Children Act 1983 (<i>please specify what basis eg through a supported accommodation pathway</i>)					
Total number of 16/17 year olds accommodated under s.20 Children Act 1983	5	20	19	13	23

Q3) Please complete the following table as per your financial year. Please only include 16/17 year olds accommodated alone, not with their families:

AT 31 MARCH 2018				
Number housed in accommodation also occupied by adults who do not provide contracted care and support (including adult hostel accommodation and shared accommodation with floating support)				
16/17 year olds accommodated under section 17 of the Children Act 1983				
16/17 year olds accommodated under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended)				
16/17 year olds accommodated on another basis (eg through a supported housing pathway)				
AT 31 MARCH 2019				
Number housed in accommodation also occupied by adults who do not provide contracted care and support (including adult hostel accommodation and shared accommodation with floating support)				
16/17 year olds accommodated under section 17 of the Children Act 1983				
16/17 year olds accommodated under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended)				

16/17 year olds accommodated on another basis (eg through a supported housing pathway)				
AT 31 MARCH 2020				
Number housed in accommodation also occupied by adults who do not provide contracted care and support (including adult hostel accommodation and shared accommodation with floating support)				
16/17 year olds accommodated under section 17 of the Children Act 1983				
16/17 year olds accommodated under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended)				
16/17 year olds accommodated on another basis (eg through a supported housing pathway)				
AT 31 MARCH 2021				
Number housed in accommodation also occupied by adults who do not provide contracted care and support (including adult hostel accommodation and shared accommodation with floating support)				
16/17 year olds accommodated under section 17 of the Children Act 1983				
16/17 year olds accommodated under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended)				
16/17 year olds accommodated on another basis (eg through a supported housing pathway)				
AT 31 MARCH 2022				
Number housed in accommodation also occupied by adults who do not provide contracted care and support (including adult hostel accommodation and shared accommodation with floating support)				
16/17 year olds accommodated under section 17 of the Children Act 1983				
16/17 year olds accommodated under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended)				
16/17 year olds accommodated on another basis (eg through a supported housing pathway)				