

<p>1) How many Deprivation of Liberty Orders (DoLs) have Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council Legal Services/Children's Services made application to the High Court for children under 16 years of age, since, January 2015 to date?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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_20043244_en.pdf</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In order to provide a response to these questions it should be noted that it would necessitate a full manual file review of all DOLs files since 2015 and each file would take at least 20 minutes to review and therefore this would far exceed the 18 officer hours.</p>
<p>2) How many Deprivation of Liberty Orders (DoLs) has the High Court granted to Wigan Metropolitan Borough Children's Services since January 2015 to date for children under 16 years of age?</p>	<p>As per Q1</p>
<p>3) Please give the breakdown per year from January 2015 to date for Children's Services's DoLs applications and orders granted/or not by the High Court to date for children under 16 years of age?</p>	<p>As per Q1</p>
<p>4) Who is responsible for making the decision that a DoLs application should be made to the High Court?</p>	<p>Senior Managers agree the care plan including a decision that a DOLS application should be made.</p>
<p>5) What scrutiny/process is applied to justify a DoLs application and the rationale for it?</p>	<p>There is oversight of the care plan a service manager and a local authority solicitor. This is then scrutinised by the court who considers the merit of the application before it progresses to a hearing.</p>

6) How many children from the Wigan Borough under 16 years of age and above are currently subject to a DoLs order, please give the breakdown?	Under 16 s and over 16s
7) Please give the breakdown of the duration (applied for) of the DoLs orders both currently and since January 2015 to date?	As per Q1
8) How many children are currently 'Child Looked after' CLA Children in the Wigan Borough, not including children who are 'placed' from outside the Wigan Borough or other Local Authority's?	449 currently looked after by Wigan Council in Wigan Borough
9) How many CLA children from the Wigan Borough have been placed outside of the Wigan Borough since 2015 to date and please give the breakdown by year?	<p>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.</p> <p>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_20043244_en.pdf</p> <p>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.</p>
10) Please give an explanation as to why Wigan CLA Children are placed outside the Wigan Borough?	Children and young people are carefully matched with suitable placements. We always try to keep children in Wigan wherever possible, however sometimes the type of foster home of children's home they required in not available in Wigan. There are some children who are exposed to risk in their communities in Wigan and need to be placed away from Wigan.
11) Do all Children in the Wigan Borough with SEN have a EHCP?	No
12) How many private Providers of Children's Residential Homes and Private Schools does Wigan	Wigan Council currently have 65 placements with private providers in children's residential homes

<p>Metropolitan Borough Council currently have contractual agreements including a breakdown of places block booked with?</p>	<p>Wigan council use a range of contractual arrangements</p> <p>North west Residential Flexible purchasing System held by Placements North West</p> <p>1 block contract placement with 1 provider below The rest of the placements are that of spot purchase.</p>
<p>13) What are the company names of all the private providers for Children's residential homes and Schools that provide the above services to Wigan Council?</p>	<p>Birtenshaw Essandore Care Hollybank Trust Priory Group Witherslack Group Ltd Aaban All Round Care Apex Applecast Bright Futures Cambian Care Today Choices 4 Children Coastal Quality Care – who is placed here ! Crystal Care Solutions Exceptional Care Halliwell Homes Helm Care Services Hexagon Care Inspire Children's Services Keys Group My3 Ltd New Horizons NORTH WEST LIMITED New Reflexions New Start Homes Next Stage Oaktree Support Oaktree Childcare Phoenix Care and Education Radical Services/Pebbles Care Rossie Secure People's Trust SBL Care Services Social Care Services Supporting Futures Timeout Childrens Homes Woodlands Ltd</p> <p>Twenty independent schools have signed up to Placement NW contracts with Wigan LA. Education only block book with Progress school.</p> <p>Independent schools:</p> <p>Birtenshaw School Bridgeway School (Witherslack Group) Calder Lodge School CEWE School Chaigeley Education Foundation Elland School – Timeout CH (commissioned by Social Care) Expanse Learning</p>

	<p>Holden School (Outcomes First) Pontville School (Witherslack) Progress School, Wigan Progress School, Lilford Progressive School, Liverpool St David's College The Brambles (Aurora) The Parks School (Inspire) Tyldesley School (Cambian) Wargrave House Westmorland (Witherslack) Waterloo Lodge (Outcomes First) Woodlands Ltd (Care and Education).</p>
<p>14) How many CLA children under 16 years of age has Wigan Council placed outside of the Borough and with other Local Authorities since 2015 to date?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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_20043244_en.pdf</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>15) Has Wigan Council Children's Services placed any CLA children of all ages outside of England but within the U.K since 2015 to date?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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_20043244_en.pdf</p> <p>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.</p>

16) Who is the LADO for the Schools and the residential children's homes in Wigan Local Authority?	Names of below AD level are not disclosed. Mailbox : lado@wigan.gov.uk																												
17) How much does it cost Wigan Local Authority Children's Services to place a CLA in full time residential care with a Wigan Local Authority Provider or a Private Provider?	Internal cost is approximately £3,700. Private unit cost on average is £5,600																												
18) Please name all the agencies and individual officers/representatives on the Multi Agency Safeguarding Team for Wigan Children's Services/ Greater Manchester, including the Police officers and rank also does the agency 'We are With You' have a representative on the Safeguarding team/board?	<p>We Are With You are members of the safeguarding partnership. The Wigan Multi Agency Safeguarding Team consists of the following:</p> <p>Police = 1 x Detective Sergeant 4 x Police Constables (One of which is part time). 2 x OSO's. (Operational Support Officers – Business support.</p> <p>Childs social care and early help = 3 X Team Managers 2 X Deputy Team Managers 8 X Social Workers 10 x Contact officers</p> <p>Education – 1post Health = 1 post Probation as required.</p>																												
19) How often does the Safeguarding board meet?	Monthly																												
20) Do Wigan LA Children's Services take safeguarding complaints in respect of a child seriously and if so what process/scrutiny is applied to safeguard the child and to also ensure that any complaint is legitimate and not malicious from a member of the public or a professional and for example when children's services may receive a section 17 Children Act 1989?	All complaints, including safeguarding complaints in respect of a child are taken seriously and procedures are in place for the consideration of such. Attempts are made to speak to the complainant to establish a statement of complaint and their desired outcomes. All complaints are shared with managers at the earliest opportunity for consideration/any action deemed appropriate. Complaints are investigated to determine whether elements are upheld or not, if the requirements for consideration under the procedure are met. If it is considered the requirements have not been met, the Council will write to the complainant to explain why.																												
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