

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide me with the following figures broken down for each of the last full years (including 2021 and to current date 16/1/2022)

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| 1) How many looked after children were under the care of the local authority for the period requested in the FOI.  | 2021: 838<br>2022: 816  |
| 2) How many of these children were or are placed in children's home? A children's home is defined as a residential setting and regulated by Ofsted.  | 2021: 113<br>2022: 101  |
| 3) How many of the children comprising the response to question 1 were placed in a children's home within the geographical boundaries of the local authority? Eg, placed in a children's home in their home authority.                         | 2021: 57<br>2022: 41  |
| 4) How many of the children comprising the response to question 1 were placed in a children's home outside of the geographical boundaries of their home local authority. In these cases, the local authority still acts as their legal parent. | 2021: 72<br>2022: 71  |
| 5) How many planning applications has the council received to request the use of a property as a children's home either via 1) a certificate of lawfulness application or b) via a full planning application?                                  | Information for Q5/6/8 is available via the Council's website. Please click on the following link   |
| 6) How many of these applications have been granted and how many of these applications were refused?   | <a href="https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Planning-and-Building-Control/Planning/Search-planning-applications.aspx">https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Planning-and-Building-Control/Planning/Search-planning-applications.aspx</a> |
| 8) How many of those applications that have been refused, have appealed the council's decision and from these appeals, how many were successful?   |   |
| 9) How many children's homes are currently registered and operating within the geographical boundaries of the council. This includes private, charity and local authority homes.   | There are 31 OFSTED registered children's homes within the geographical boundary of Wigan.  |