

1. In the most recent available 12-month period, how many children do you have in care?

- a. Foster care a) 609
- b. Residential care b) 100

2. Of these, how many have:

- a. received CAMHS intervention?
- b. received third party mental health care or behavioural intervention?
Emotional, behavioural or psychological difficulties?

We do not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. 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_20043244_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.

This information requested at Q2 is not recorded in a reportable format. To look at each record above would take in excess of 18 hours and may not provide accurate data. There are currently 709 records and to review them manually would take at least 30 mins each amounting to 354½ hours.

3. What was the average cost of a CIC/LAC/CLA?

Average costs per week for current year:

Recruited foster care £404.65
Independent fostering agency £943.08
Independent residential care £5665.43

4. How much were the five most expensive placements? Cost per week of most expensive 5 placements for the current year:
- £17,391.00
 - £13,000.00
 - £11,263.00
 - £9,500.00
 - £9,200.00
5. What was the total cost of the CIC/LAC/CLA department broken down by: Full cost for financial year 2022-2023
- a) £9453.00
 - b) £345,265.00 (including allowances, overtime, NI and Superann)
 - c) none
6. What was the average number of placements for each child including placements with family? 1.4