

Request

I am writing with a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

- Could I ask, for the financial years 2018-19, 22-23 and 23-24:
- 1) How much did your local authority spend on providing residential placements to children taken into the council's care? Please provide a breakdown for each year, including a projected spend for the rest of 23-24 if it is available.
 - 2) Of that figure, how much of the figure was spent on private-sector residential placements? Again, please provide a breakdown for each year and include a projected spend for the rest of 23-24 if it is available.

Updated: ***It's the cost of the residential placements in those specific years for all the children in your care at that time***

- 3) How many children were taken into the council's care for each financial year?

Response

Question	2018/19	2022/23	2023/24
1	5,690,725	21,480,559	20,712,868

Question	2018/19	2022/23	2023/24
2	5,397,841	20,757,311	20,156,150

Question	2018/19	2022/23	2023/24
3	159	245	260