



Please could you provide the following information under the FOI Act, all concerning the year to April 2025, for all under 18s in care (referred to here as children) of the local authority. Children's homes means children's homes, children's secure homes and residential schools

1. The number of children in children's homes and, if possible, the total number of weeks combined for all of these children over the year. 97
3398.3 weeks

2. The total cost spent on children's homes over the year. £28,005,757

3. The average cost of children's homes per child per week. £6,338.34

4. The number of children and average cost per child per week in homes provided by:
 - i. the private sector. 76 children-weekly cost per child
£6,436.94. (Averages across 12 months).

 - ii. the local authority. 3 children- weekly cost per child:
£3,840.40. This is not directly comparable with the above as it is just based on the direct costs (except property costs) incurred by the in-house residential home with no management / overhead costs attributed. The property costs are based on an internal recharge from Corporate Property.

5. The number of children in care over the year. 916 – total no of children in care at any point during the year

6. The number of 16-17 year olds in supported living/accommodation in each of the four categories:
- category 1: supported accommodation in a self-contained unit, where the accommodation is for the sole use of the child or for the child and other individuals living with the child Category 1: 20
 - category 2: supported accommodation in a shared- or group-living situation in premises used to accommodate only looked-after children and care leavers Category 2: 4
 - category 3: supported accommodation in a shared- or group-living situation in premises that are not limited to accommodating looked-after children and care leavers Category 3: 30
 - category 4: supported accommodation provided by an individual or individuals in a private residence Category 4: 3
7. The average cost per child per week of support living/accommodation £1,608.17
8. The number of children in unregulated placements:
- i. aged under 16 22
 - ii. 16 and 17 years old <5