



FOI 18478

RESPONSE

I am writing to make a request for some information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please would you send across:

1. The number of young people aged 16 to 25 who were accommodated in supported lodgings by your local authority under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989, and the number who were accommodated under Section 20 of the Children Act 1989, every year since 2019.
2. The numbers of supported lodgings carers on the books of the council every year since 2019 [*by this we mean live-in carers who have been through an approval process, sometimes referred to as 'hosts'*].
3. The number of young people aged 16-25 placed in supported lodgings placements every year since 2019 [*by this we mean placed with approved carers, sometimes referred to as 'hosts'*]. Please break this down by age group and legal status, including:
 - a. Young people aged 16-18 who are looked after or care leavers
 - b. Young people aged 18-25 who are care leavers
 - c. Of the young people in categories (a) and (b), how many were Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC, also referred to as Separated Migrant Children, SMC)
4. If the supported lodgings scheme is provided by a third party, please include the commissioning framework used to procure this service [*the 'supported lodgings scheme' refers to a scheme that recruits and approves live-in carers*].

1. There are 0 children in supporting lodgings under S1 and one under section 20. Other 16/17 year olds referenced in the table below are on care orders.

2. We do not hold information prior to 2020.

Year	No of hosts
20/21	7
21/22	7
22/23	7
23/24	8

3. We do not hold information prior to 2020.

Year	16 – 18	18 – 25	Legal status	Total
20/21	1 (SMC)	5	5 care leavers and 1 SMC	6
21/22	0	4	4 care leavers	4
22/23	2	3	2 children in care and 3 care leavers	5
23/24	3	3	3 children in care and 3 care leavers	6
24/25	0	0	n/a	0

4. Local contract not on commissioned framework (from September 2024).