



REQUEST 19092

Please provide the following information relating to children's homes within your local authority area:

1. How many children's homes are currently registered with Ofsted in your local authority area (as of today's date)?
2. How many children are currently placed out of area by your local authority?
3. How many C3 to C2 (residential to children's home) planning applications have been approved or refused in the past three years?
4. If available, please provide the main reasons for refusals where applicable.

RESPONSE

On 16.12.2025 for Ofsted registered children's homes only:

1. There are 59 Ofsted registered children's homes in Wigan including those registered by the LA.
2. There are currently 44 children placed in Ofsted registered children's homes.
3. 20 planning applications were granted in the past 3 years and 5 were refused.
4. This information is accessible via the Council's website at the following link. Please utilise the search function available on this webpage accordingly:

[Search and comment on planning applications](#)

Support and guidance on how to search the information the Council holds on this section of its website is available on the above webpage, but is also provided in the accompanying 'Public Access User Guide' PDF document and via the link to the relevant page on the Council's website below:

[Idox PA for Planning User Guide](#)

5. Does your local authority currently operate a framework or dynamic purchasing system for children's home placements?

5. Wigan LA does not operate it's own framework or dynamic purchasing system however the LA does utilise Placements Northwest FPS Framework. Details can be found at:

[Working with external providers | NWADCS](#)

6. What is the average weekly fee range paid for placements (EBD / Learning Disabilities / Solo placements)?
7. Does your authority have a published market position statement or sufficiency strategy for children's placements?

6. The average weekly fee is £6592.34
7. Yes, details can be found at:
[Sufficiency Strategy 2025-2028](#)