



**REQUEST 19208**

1. The total number of referrals to Children's Services per year each year for the last five years
2. The total budget allocated to Children's services (by calendar year or financial year, whichever is easier) each year for the last five years
3. The total cost of employing agency (temporary / non-staff) social workers per year each year for the last five years
4. Total expenditure on housing children and young adults in non-local authority (i.e.. privately run) children's homes per year each year for the last five years, and the average cost per child per annum for such placements in each year for the last five years

**RESPONSE**

1. Our referral data is published nationally as part of our statutory Child in Need Census. Data is available here: [Children in need, Reporting year 2025 - Explore education statistics - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/children-in-need-reporting-year-2025-explore-education-statistics)
2. Total Children Services Budget by financial year  

2021/22	£55,737,005
2022/23	£72,614,225
2023/24	£85,602,238
2024/25	£94,449,779
2025/26	£103,645,656
3. Total Expenditure:  

Financial Year	Value £000's
2020/2021	2.296
2021/2022	3.726
2022/2023	6.959
2023/2024	5.930
2024/2025	4.697
4. FY 20/21: £11,143,901.  
FY 21/22: £16,742,291  
FY 22/23: £20,757,311  
FY 23/24: £20,204,675  
FY 24/25: £24,165,573

Average Placement Cost (per annum):  
FY 20/21: £232,307  
FY 21/22: £251,579  
FY 22/23: £280,808  
FY 23/24: £302,468  
FY 24/25: £335,641