



I am contacting you as we prepare to open a solo high acuity children's home located in Standish Lower Ground, Wigan. Our provision is aimed at supporting children and young people aged 8–18 with complex needs (emotional and behavioural difficulties etc), including those at risk of CSE, CCE, or requiring additional therapeutic support.

As part of our commitment to working in partnership with local authorities and aligning our service with local need, I would be grateful if you could –

1. Confirm whether there is currently a demand within Wigan for additional registered children's home placements, in particular for solo high acuity children.*

It would be extremely helpful if you could share any available data regarding:

- a. The number of children and young people placed in solo homes located in the Wigan Borough.
- b. The number of children and young people currently placed out of borough.
- c. The number of children placed in unregulated or unregistered settings over the last 12–24 months.

Response

- a. There are 4 Wigan children and young people in solo homes in Wigan. However this may not be due to the needs of the child/young person, more the operating model of the home.
- b. There are 41 children and young people living in registered children's homes outside Wigan Borough. However there may be reasons for placing outside of the Borough such as risk of CCE/CSE which necessitates placing at a distance.
- c. 2 young people were placed in unregulated or unregistered settings since February 2024.

*Please contact our commissioning team placementsearches@wigan.gov.uk as we would welcome further discussion before your plans progress.