



## REQUEST 19522

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to children's placement demand, sufficiency, and associated costs within your authority.

Please provide the following information for the financial years 2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26 (year to date).

### 1. Current Placement Demand and Sufficiency

Please provide, where recorded:

- The number of children and young people currently requiring placement in:
  - Children's residential homes
  - Supported accommodation (including 16–17 year olds)
  - Residential family assessment placements
- The number of children and young people currently awaiting placement or awaiting a suitable placement
- The number of children currently placed outside the local authority area
- The number of placements made on an emergency or same-day basis

### 2. Placement Type and Regulatory Status

Please provide, where recorded:

- The number of children placed in:
  - Registered children's homes
  - Settings not registered with Ofsted as children's homes where such registration would ordinarily be required
- The number of children placed in supported accommodation (16–17 year olds)
- Where recorded, the number of those placements with providers that are:
  - Registered under the supported accommodation framework
  - Not registered under the supported accommodation framework

## RESPONSE

1.  
At 08.04.2026:

Children requiring residential homes: 2  
Children requiring supported accommodation: 4  
Requiring family assessment unit: 0

Total number of children awaiting placement: 21 (includes fostering)

Total number of children placed outside the LA area: 195 (this includes children placed with parents, internal fostering and kinship fostering)  
Number of placements made on an emergency or same-day basis: 1

2.  
Number of children placed in registered children's homes (data relates to start date of placement, some children may be counted more than once):  
23/24 = 54  
24/25 = 81  
25/26 = 62

Children placed in unregistered home (data relates to start date of placement):  
23/24 = 6  
24/25 = 1  
25/26 = 1

Number of children placed in supported accommodation (data relates to start

date of placement, some children may be counted more than once):

23/24 = 115

24/25 = 77

25/26 = 69

No children placed in unregistered supported accommodation.

### 3. Placement Activity

Please provide the total number of placements commissioned in each year, broken down by:

- Children's residential homes
- Supported accommodation
- Residential family assessment placements

3.

Commissioned homes

Residential:

23/24 = 40

24/25 = 64

25/26 = 48

Supported accommodation:

23/24 = 115

24/25 = 75

25/26 = 69

Residential Family Assessment Unit:

23/24 = 7

24/25 = 7

25/26 = 11

### 4. Placement Costs

Please provide, where recorded, the average weekly cost for:

- Children's residential placements
- Supported accommodation
- Residential family assessment placements
- Solo placements
- Placements with 2:1 staffing support
- Solo placements with at least 2:1 staffing support
- Placements with enhanced or higher staffing ratios (for example 3:1 or above)

4. (25/26 figures are not yet finalised and are subject to change)

Children's residential placements (excl. family assessment):

23/24: £6,299.89

24/25: £6,829.48

25/26: £6,862.46

Supported Accommodation (excl. Separated Young People):

23/24: £1,711.38

24/25: £1,736.99

25/26: £1,655.33

Residential Family Assessment Placements:

23/24: £4,341.00

24/25: £4,706.47

25/26: £4,395.77

Solo Placements:

23/24: Data not collected for this period

24/25: Data not collected for this period

25/26: £9,895.62

Placements with 2:1 staffing support:

23/24: Data not collected for this period  
24/25: Data not collected for this period  
25/26: £10,136.83

Solo Placements with at least 2:1 staffing support:

23/24: Data not collected for this period  
24/25: Data not collected for this period  
25/26: £12,625.00

Placements with enhanced or higher staffing ratios:

23/24: Data not collected for this period  
24/25: Data not collected for this period  
25/26: £18,792.37