



Our ref: 71666798  
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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Dear 

Thank you for the Freedom of Information Request you have made. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by the Trust and our response is detailed below.

**Please can you tell me:**

- **How many children's homes there are in your local authority area?**
- **How many are local authority controlled and how many are private?**
- **How many are registered with Ofsted and how many are unregistered?**

There are 89 children's homes currently operating in Birmingham, of which 5 are local authority controlled. All of the homes are registered with Ofsted.

**Please can you provide a list of the children's homes, including:**

- **Name**
- **Whether each one is local authority controlled and or privately controlled**
- **Address**

Enclosed is a list of children's homes in the Birmingham area, which details the number of children that the homes is set up to take. Please note that the following homes are local authority controlled:

- Warwick House
- Charles House
- Edgewood Road
- Camborne House

- Bridgelands

Please note that the addresses have not been included as this constitutes personal data under the Data Protection Act 2018. As this is personal data, disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) is conditional upon satisfying the First Data Protection Principle, that processing be fair, lawful and transparent.

We recognise that there is a public interest in transparency and accountability in public decision making. We have balanced this against the privacy rights of the individual data subjects and the fact that this act of processing would not be transparent to them. On balance, we consider the detriment to privacy through disclosure outweighs the interest that would be served. Accordingly, disclosure would be in contravention of the First Data Protection Principle.

It is therefore appropriate for us to withhold this information under section 40(2) of the Act by virtue of section 40(3A)(a). Therefore we are exempting this part of the request under section 40(2) of the Act by virtue of section 40(3A)(a) of the same Act.

**Please can you provide a list of the children's homes, including:**

- **number of children living in each home**
- **how many children the council has placed in each home for each year over the past five calendar years**
- **how much money the council has spent on each placement**
- **how many children other councils (include name of council) have placed in each home for each year over the past five calendar years**
- **when each home was last inspected by the council, if applicable**

The information you have requested is not held in a readily accessible format. I can confirm that the Trust has kept a manual record (i.e. outside of case management systems).

From undertaking a sampling exercise in respect to similar FoI requests in the past, we estimate that it takes approximately 20 minutes to locate the file and locate specific information contained in the file, dependent on the size and complexity of the file. In order for us to answer this question, there are 89 homes to review and we estimate that each one would take 20 minutes to review which would take 29 hours.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) requires us to comply with a request, unless it would be too expensive to do so. Under s.12 (Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit) of the Act, the cost limit for the Trust is £450 i.e. 18 hours at the rate of £25 per person per hour.

The cost limit allows us to consider when estimating the cost of complying with a request, time spent determining whether we hold the information requested; identifying, locating and retrieving it and extracting the information from the relevant documents.

We are therefore unable to process your request as to do so would exceed the cost limit as set out in s.12 of the Act. In cases where the time involved in dealing with requests for information would exceed 18 hours, the Trust normally offers individuals the option to pay for the additional work over and above 18 hours, at a subsidised rate of £25 per hour.

However, where the resources involved in dealing with a request would have detrimental impact on the Trust's ability to provide its core services, the Trust is entitled not provide this option, and accordingly, refuse the request outright. In this case due to the amount of work and resources required to comply with this element of your request, the Trust is of the view that the resources involved in

responding to your request, even if you were to pay the subsidised statutory rate of £25.00 per hour, would interfere significantly with the Trust's ability to provide its core services, as such, the Trust considers that it is appropriate to refuse the request outright on the basis of Section 12 of the Act.

Please quote the reference number **71666798** in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with our response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days from the date this authority issued its initial response. Please outline which part of the response you are not happy with setting out your reasons.

This request should be addressed to:

Corporate Information Governance Team  
PO Box 16366  
Birmingham  
B2 2YY  
Email: [infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk)

If you are still dissatisfied with the Birmingham Children's Trust's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office

Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely,



**Disclosure Team**

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Home name	Registration status	Number of registered places
BKY Care Limited - Lotus House	Active	3
Kilburn House	Active	4
Ridgacre Home	Active	2
Heartfilled House	Suspended	3
Opal House	Active	3
Angie's House	Active	2
Abbi House	Active	3
Oasis House	Active	3
Kathrey Homes	Active	1
Grace House	Active	4
Serenity House	Active	2
Maddison Lodge	Active	3
Heartful Care Home LTD	Active	5
Lotus House	Active	5
Swan Lodge	Active	3
Southbourne Avenue, 10	Active	3
Cedar Drive	Active	3
Greenridge Road	Active	3
Middle Leaford, 127	Active	3
Elm Bank House	Active	3
Solihull Lodge	Active	4
Hay Park	Active	2
Cecil House	Active	3
Stoney House	Active	3
Kingsbury House	Active	3
Hillaries House	Active	2
Grange House	Active	4
Sandhurst Road	Active	2
Oval Road	Active	4
Acorn Lodge	Suspended	3
Bernard House	Active	4
Poppy House	Active	3
The Gardens	Active	4
Orchard Grove	Active	5
Phoenix Lodge	Active	4
56 Anderson Road	Active	3
Serenity Specialist Care - Maple House	Active	4
Rowntree House	Active	4
Maney Hill Road	Active	4
Beacon Childcare Ltd	Active	4
Grove House	Active	4
Philip Victor	Active	4
Wood End House	Active	3
Barton Lodge	Active	3
Wychall Lane	Active	4
Holly Lodge	Active	3
Pebble House	Active	3
Anchorage House Specialist Therapeutic Children's Home	Active	2
Warwick House	Active	7
Charles House	Active	7
Edgewood Road	Active	16

Home name	Registration status	Number of registered places
Camborne House	Active	12
Nh Care Tessall Lodge	Active	5
Oak Lodge	Active	2
Pear Tree House	Active	5
Brooklyn House	Active	3
Chester Road	Active	4
Nisa Care Home	Active	3
Emmeline House	Active	6
Light House	Active	3
The Bungalow	Active	3
Pine Lodge	Active	4
Grace House	Active	4
Sycamore House	Active	3
Silver Birch	Active	2
Sycamore House	Active	3
Alder House	Active	3
7 Sandhurst Road	Active	2
Oak House	Active	2
Whitehouse	Active	3
Hope House	Active	1
Young Birch	Active	3
Cherry Orchard	Active	1
Opal House	Active	3
Malvern House	Active	3
Noble House	Active	2
Carters House	Active	3
BKY Care - Fieldview House	Active	3
River Rae Houses	Active	1
Thorncliffe House	Active	3
Sutton Ivy	Active	4
Orchid House	Active	4
Bridgelands	Active	3
Moringa Home	Active	2
Winson House	Active	3
New Manor	Active	4
Cedar Cottage	Active	3
Odyssey House	Active	2
Lunar House	Active	3