



# BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S TRUST

Our ref: 75679661

5 August 2025



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.

	Calendar Year				
	2022	2021	2022	2023	2024
1) The number of children in care (Looked After Children) reported missing.	250	258	264	306	276
2) Number who received a statutory return home interview.	497	666	817	874	974
3) The total number of individual missing incidents involving children in care.	1217	1477	1670	2145	2122
4) The number of children who went missing more than 10 times in a single year.	25	39	44	51	54
5) The average length of time these children were missing before being located. (In Days)	4.4	4.3	2	1.9	1.4
Of the missing children:					
6) How many were placed in unregulated or semi-independent accommodation?	81	67	87	115	57
7) How many were placed out of area (i.e. outside the boundary of your local authority)?	90	95	102	123	96
8) How many remain unaccounted for / are still classified as missing as of today? On 22-07-2025	8				

- 9) Please provide any serious incident notifications or referrals made to the Department for Education or Ofsted regarding missing children in care.

Please see Regulation 40 submission data by home and year below.

**Edgewood Road:**

2020 - 1 Notifications

2021 - 12 Notifications

2022 - 6 Notifications

2023 - 6 Notifications

2024 - 8 Notifications

2025 - 3 Notifications

**Bridgelands:**

2023 - 11 Notifications

2024 - 5 Notifications

2025 - 5 Notifications

**Warwick House:**

2020 – 2 Notifications

2021 – 4 Notifications

2022 - 5 Notifications

2023 – 2 Notifications

2024 – 5 Notifications

2025 - 0 Notifications

**Charles House:**

2020 – 8 Notifications

2021 – 0 Notifications

2022 - 1 Notification

2023 – 2 Notifications

2024 – 4 Notifications

2025 - 2 Notifications

**Camborne House:**

2020 – 4 notifications

2021 – 1 notification

2022 – 3 notifications

2023 – 1 notification

2024 – 5 notifications

2025 – 1 notification

**10) If held, please provide any anonymised risk assessments or internal reviews following cases where children in care went missing for more than 7 days**

Freedom of Information requests do not require public authorities to create new information. S1(b) of the Act grants the right to access recorded information held by public authorities, but it does not obligate them to produce new information in response to a request. As such, the Trust considers that it is appropriate to refuse this part of the request on the basis of Section 1 of the Act.

Please quote the reference number **75679661** 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,

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