



Our ref: 75732555
11 August 2025



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.

For financial year 2024-25:

- 1) total number of SEMH children under the age of 16 in the care of authority, ideally break down at ward level, as of 31.03.2025;**

As of 31 March 2025, our data shows there were 166 children in residential care aged 15 and under (below age 16).

- 2) total annual budget and actual spend on their care; and**

The spend for this cohort in 2024 - 2025 was £33,896,471. There is no specific budget for this cohort as we do not budget per child.

- 3) total number of SEMH children on the waiting list for a 24-hour care as of 31.03.2025, ideally break down at ward level please if data is available**

For financial year 2025-26:

In the month of March, the placements referral log shows we had 13 children waiting for residential children's home placements (24 hour care). Ward level information is not held by the Trust.

- 4) total annual care budget, and average budget per child in care;**

For this financial year, the total budget for all internal and externally commissioned fostering, supported accommodation and residential provision for children in our care is £135,500,000.

We do not budget per child, as each child's needs, age and placement requirements are different in addition to the length of time they will spend in care.

Please quote the reference number **75732555** 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
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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

I will now close your request as of this date.

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Disclosure Officer

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