



Our ref: 76407802
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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.

**1) A list of Birmingham wards or postcode areas with the highest demand for placements in children's homes, based on:
The number of looked-after children (LAC) currently residing in or needing placements, and**

The Trust does not hold any information in terms of the current demand, however, please see below a list of each Birmingham ward and the number of children placed in children's homes.

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| Aston | 10 |
| Gravelly Hill | 10 |
| King's Norton South | 9 |
| North Edgbaston | 8 |
| Sutton Vesey | 8 |
| Handsworth | 6 |
| Frankley Great Park | ≤5 |
| Handsworth Wood | ≤5 |

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| Acocks Green | ≤5 |
| Brandwood & King's Heath | ≤5 |
| Glebe Farm & Tile Cross | ≤5 |
| Sutton Walmley & Minworth | ≤5 |
| Erdington | ≤5 |
| King's Norton North | ≤5 |
| Moseley | ≤5 |
| Sheldon | ≤5 |
| Birchfield | ≤5 |
| Oscott | ≤5 |
| Stirchley | ≤5 |
| Yardley East | ≤5 |
| Yardley West & Stechford | ≤5 |
| Billesley | ≤5 |
| Bromford & Hodge Hill | ≤5 |
| Hall Green South | ≤5 |

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| Harborne | ≤5 |
| Kingstanding | ≤5 |
| Ladywood | ≤5 |
| Stockland Green | ≤5 |
| Sutton Roughley | ≤5 |

Some information has been withheld. This information is exempt under Section 40(2) (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). Where the number is 5 or less, the Trust has replaced the figure with 'equal to or less than 5' ("≤5"). The numbers have been withheld to prevent individuals being identified; this is in line with the Information Commissioners guidance of anonymization, which mitigates the risk of individuals being identified. The Trust considers that individuals could potentially be identified from the very low numbers and that such identification would constitute a breach of one of the principles set out under the Data Protection Act 2018. This is on the basis that it could be combined with other reasonably available information to identify individuals. As this is personal data, disclosure under Freedom of Information 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.

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) (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) by virtue of section 40(3A)(a). We are therefore exempting this part of the request under section 40(2) of the Act by virtue of section 40(3A)(a) of the same Act.

2) Any internal assessments or reports indicating undersupply of children's homes by area.

Please find attached a copy of the Trust's sufficiency strategy.

3) A summary of any known shortage areas where the Birmingham Children's Trust or Birmingham Children's Trust has identified a need for new children's homes or increased capacity.

We would welcome growth of capacity in all areas of Birmingham except Erdington, where it has been noted that we have a concentration of residential homes. Providers are welcome to get in touch for informal discussions via placementscommissioning@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk.

Please note the Trust acts as a consultee to the Birmingham City Council planning process. Birmingham City Council have the ultimate delegation to approve or reject proposals and planning applications.

Please quote the reference number **76407802** 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

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.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Britteon
Disclosure Officer

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