



Our ref: 76769265
27 August 2025



Thank you for the Freedom of Information Request you have made. Our response is detailed below.

- 1) The number of young people aged 16 to 25 who were accommodated in supported lodgings by your local authority under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989, and the number who were accommodated under Section 20 of the Children Act 1989, every year since 2019.**
- 2) The numbers of supported lodgings carers on the books of the Birmingham Children's Trust every year since 2019 (by this we mean live-in carers who have been through an approval process, sometimes referred to as 'hosts').**
- 3) The number of young people aged 16-25 placed in supported lodgings placements every year since 2019 (by this we mean placed with approved carers, sometimes referred to as 'hosts'). Please break this down by age group and legal status, including:**
 - a) Young people aged 16-18 who are looked after or care leavers**
 - b) Young people aged 18-25 who are care leavers**
- 4) Of the young people in categories (a) and (b), how many were Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC, also referred to as Separated Migrant Children, SMC)**
- 5) If the supported lodgings scheme is provided by a third party, please include the commissioning framework used to procure this service (the 'supported lodgings scheme' refers to a scheme that recruits and approves live-in carers).**

The questions above will be answered together.

The Trust do not currently commission Supported Lodgings, nor is there an existing framework in place for commissioning them. St Basils have a Supported Lodgings Scheme. More information about this is available through the link below:

<https://stbasils.org.uk/projects/home2home-supported-lodgings/>

The contact information for St Basils is available here:

<https://stbasils.org.uk/contact-us/>

Please quote the reference number **76769265** 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.

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