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Thank you for the Freedom of Information Request you have made. I can confirm that the information requested is held by Birmingham Children's Trust. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

Request

Subject: Freedom of Information Request Regarding Looked-After Children and Savings Accounts

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding children in the care of your local authority. For the purposes of this request, please provide information for the period from the establishment of the Junior ISA scheme in November 2011 to the end of the last full municipal year (31 March 2023):

1. How many children in your care during this period have been in continuous care for 12 months or more?
2. How many children in your care during this period have been referred to The Share Foundation for the opening of a savings account under the Junior ISA scheme?
3. What process or system does the local authority have in place to identify children who meet the eligibility criteria for the Junior ISA scheme and ensure their information is submitted to The Share Foundation?
4. How many children meeting the eligibility criteria for a Junior ISA during this period, if any, have not had their information passed to The Share Foundation, and what were the reasons for this?
5. What training or guidance has been provided to social workers or staff

during this period to ensure awareness of the Junior ISA scheme and its requirements?

Response

1. How many children in your care during this period have been in continuous care for 12 months or more?

4807 children in care reached 12 months in care since 2011

2. How many children in your care during this period have been referred to

The Share Foundation for the opening of a savings account under the Junior ISA scheme?

2321 JISAs have been requested (Child Trust Funds will also have been set up over this period)

3. What process or system does the local authority have in place to identify children who meet the eligibility criteria for the Junior ISA scheme and ensure their information is submitted to The Share Foundation?

A monthly submission is sent to The Share Foundation that includes all children who have been in care for 12 months or more (plus details of any eligible children who left since the last submission)

4. How many children meeting the eligibility criteria for a Junior ISA during this period, if any, have not had their information passed to The Share Foundation, and what were the reasons for this?

The above procedure has been in place for over 5 years, I'm not aware of any eligible children in care whose details haven't been passed to The Share Foundation

5. What training or guidance has been provided to social workers or staff during this period to ensure awareness of the Junior ISA scheme and its requirements?

Please see the following link in order to access the Trust guidance on the Junior ISA scheme:

https://birminghamcs.proceduresonline.com/p_jisa_ctf.html?zoom_highlight=junior+isa

Please quote the reference number **69857825** 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
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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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