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Dear [REDACTED],

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.

- 1) How many children are currently placed in residential care by your local authority?**

247

- 2) Of those, how many are placed in residential care settings located within your local authority boundary?**

108

- 3) How many registered residential children's homes are currently operating within your local authority boundary?**

5

- 4) Does the local authority consider there to be a sufficiency need for additional residential children's homes within its boundary?**

Shortfalls in local provision would be good quality solo homes, homes that can meet the needs of children with mental health presentation, or multiple types of complex presentation. The majority of the children that currently require children's home placements are female, have had multiple placements and we are looking for homes with resilience and to prevent the cycle of disruption for these children. We are also always looking for

placements that can manage and support children in residential care back to family based care.

Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties (EBD) is the highest demand. We would welcome more homes that can specialise in caring for children with mental health difficulties (diagnosed and most importantly undiagnosed).

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

Also, please see attached a copy of the Trust's sufficiency strategy which sets out all of the Trust's strategic intentions in this area.

Please quote the reference number **77132401** 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
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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.

Yours sincerely,



Disclosure Officer

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