



Our ref: 81365665  
19 February 2026



## Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear 

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) The number of children placed outside the local authority boundary in each of the last three financial years.**

FY 2022-23 577

FY 2023-24 542

FY 2024-25 548

**2) The average distance (in miles) of out-of-area placements in the most recent financial year.**

FY 2022-23 28.0 miles

FY 2023-24 26.8 miles

FY 2024-25 26.3 miles

**3) Total expenditure on independent (private) children's residential care placements in the most recent financial year.**

Total spend on external residential care for 24/25 was £66,951,907

**4) The number of children's residential placements currently operated directly by the local authority.**

From the current open CIC on 10-02-2026

Please quote the reference number **81365665** 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](mailto:infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk)

If you are still dissatisfied with the 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](http://www.ico.org.uk)

I will now close your request as of this date.

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