



Our ref: 82942165  
21 April 2026



## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Dear ,

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.

**I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to children's placement demand, sufficiency, and associated costs within your authority.**

**Please provide the following information for the financial years 2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26 (year to date).**

**Current Placement Demand and Sufficiency Please provide, where recorded:**

**1) The number of children and young people currently requiring placement in:**

**a) Children's residential homes**

The Placements Team referral log shows no outcome recorded for 40 children where the original request was for children's home.

Please note that this information is not accurate and reflects delays in recording the outcome for a placement search - but this is the maximum requirement at the time of responding.

**b) Supported accommodation (including 16–17-year-olds)**

The Placements Team referral log shows no outcome recorded for 130 children where the original request was for supported accommodation.

Please note that this information is not accurate and reflects delays in recording the outcome for a placement search - but this is the maximum requirement at the time of responding.

**c) Residential family assessment placements**

	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>
<b>Same Day</b>	1	2	2
<b>Next Day</b>	1	1	1

**d) The number of children and young people currently awaiting placement or awaiting a suitable placement**

170

**e) The number of children currently placed outside the local authority area**

960

**f) The number of placements made on an emergency or same-day basis**

This information is not held by the Trust.

We are committed to our duty under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to provide advice and assistance where it is reasonable to do so. We do record what is requested; the number of same day/next day placement requests is 604 (emergency) and 177 (next day referrals).

**2) Placement Type and Regulatory Status Please provide, where recorded the number of children placed in:**

- a) Registered children's homes**
- b) Settings not registered with Ofsted as children's homes where such registration would ordinarily be required**
- c) The number of children placed in supported accommodation (16-17 year olds)**
- d) Where recorded, the number of those placements with providers that are:**

- i) Registered under the supported accommodation framework**
- ii) Not registered under the supported accommodation framework**

	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>
<b>Regulated Childrens Homes</b>	319	343	362
<b>Unregulated Childrens Homes</b>	6	8	6
<b>SA</b>	486	575	569
<b>SA - Framework</b>	382	450	440
<b>Sa - Spot</b>	103	125	129

- 3) **Placement Activity** Please provide the total number of placements commissioned in each year, broken down by:  
**Children's residential homes**  
**Supported accommodation**  
**Residential family assessment placements**

	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>
<b>Children's Homes</b>	388	442	448
<b>Supported Accommodation</b>	800	857	861
<b>Residential family assessment placements</b>	22	23	33

- 4) **Placement Costs** Please provide, where recorded, the average weekly cost for:

- a) **Children's residential placements**
- b) **Supported accommodation**
- c) **Residential family assessment placements**
- d) **Solo placements**
- e) **Placements with 2:1 staffing support**
- f) **Solo placements with at least 2:1 staffing support**
- g) **Placements with enhanced or higher staffing ratios**

The questions above will be answered within the table on the page below.

Placement Type	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
<b>Children's Home</b>	£5,164.89	£5,465.08	£5,902.66
<b>Supported Accommodation</b>	£1,555.05	£1,640.02	£1,505.44
<b>Residential family assessment placements</b>	£4,123.16	£4,661.55	£5,098.04
<b>Solo</b>	£12,378.76	£1,672.30	£11,723.83
<b>2:1 staffed</b>	Plus £2,360.71	Plus £2,326.63	Plus £2,891.96
<b>3:1 staffed</b>	Plus £3,998.00	Plus £3,147.61	Plus £4,850.71

Above are average weekly costs, plus enhancements for 2:1 and 3:1 as a separate figure. Please note the 2:1 and 3:1 enhancements range from additional staffing for short periods of time to full time each week. We have excluded 2:1 solo, as this would be a minimum requirement of any solo placement.

Please quote the reference number **82942165** 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.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

**Disclosure Officer**

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