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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: REQ06245**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Looked after Children.

You have requested the following information:

**1. How many looked after children under 18 was the authority responsible for at financial year end, 2018/19?**

As of the 31 March 2019 there were 703 children, under 18-year olds, who were looked after by Coventry City Council.

**2. How many of these were accommodated in residential facilities within the authority?**

Four children were accommodated in internal residential accommodation by Coventry City Council as of the 31 March 2019. We have interpreted this question to relate to internal residential accommodation which is owned by Coventry City Council.

**3. How many of these were accommodated in residential facilities outside the authority?**

58 were accommodated in residential facilities outside the authority.

**4. What was the average weekly cost of accommodating these children outside the authority?**

The average weekly cost was £3,692.93.

**5. What was the average weekly cost of accommodating these children inside the authority?**

We can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Average costs are not available for this period as the service was undergoing a re-design.

**6. What was the total annual spend on accommodating looked after children in residential facilities, inside and outside the authority?**

The total annual spend was £12,037,544.

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Yours sincerely

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