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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ06224**

Thank you for your request for information relating to semi-independent accommodation.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. The total number of individuals who were placed by the local authority in semi-independent accommodation for each of the last four financial years (including 2018/19)?**

Please see the table below. For the 2015/16 financial year we can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. The Council introduced a system for recording and collecting data from providers in 2016 and previously had no details of the total cohort of young people who came into the service prior to this date.

Financial Year	Number of Individuals
2016/17	483
2017/18	333
2018/19	283

2. The total number of individuals who were placed by the local authority in semi-independent accommodation outside of the borough or local authority, for each of the last four financial years (including 2018/19)?

Please see the table below. For the 2015/16 financial year we can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. The Council introduced a system for recording and collecting data from providers in 2016 and previously had no details of the total cohort of young people who came into the service prior to this date.

Financial Year	Number of Individuals
2016/17	22
2017/18	16
2018/19	20

3. For each of the last four financial years (including 2018/19), how many missing episodes occurred involving individuals placed by the local authority in semi-independent accommodation:

- a. In total?
- b. Where the individual was placed outside the borough or local authority?
- c. Where the children were recognised as being at risk from CSE (child sexual exploitation)?

4. Over the last financial year (2018/2019), on how many occasions were individuals who had been placed by the local authority in semi-independent accommodation and went missing during their placement, found to have been sexually assaulted or exploited while they were missing.

For questions 3 and 4 we hold the information which you have asked for but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

This is because the information is not held in a reportable format and which would require a manual check of individual records. Due to the volume of records we have estimated that this would take over 18 hours to collate. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

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Yours sincerely

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