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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ06714**

Thank you for your request for information relating to children in care.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. How many registered children's homes are operating in the local authority, including private, voluntary and local authority-run homes? Please provide data for each of the last three financial years (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19).**

Year	Number of Homes
2016/17	9
2017/18	10
2018/19	12

- 2. How many children's homes places are available in the local authority area for looked-after children – and how many places go unused**
 - a. Each month**
 - b. Annually**

Please provide data where possible for each of the last 3 financial years. (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19)

Year	Number of Placements
2016/17	54
2017/18	57
2018/19	61

The local authority is unable to provide an overview of the number of beds which go unused in the locality, as it does not commission all of the provision. We are therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that this information is not held.

3. How many looked-after children were placed by the local authority into temporary accommodation during the year in each year of the last three financial years. (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19)

Year	Number of Placements
2016/17	0
2017/18	0
2018/19	0

a. Where possible also provide the accommodation used – for example, B&Bs, caravans, hostels, barges etc.

b. Where possible please also provide the duration children spent in these placements in days.

Please see the tables below in response to Questions 3a and 3b:

		Placement days				
	Total*	Less than 5	5 to 10	10 to 30	30 to 50	50+
2016/17	69	20	15	28	2	4
2017/18	59	18	6	28	1	6
2018/19	62	23	19	14	1	5

* For the number of placements some children have had multiple placements in the year, only the first placement has been counted.

Accommodation Type	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Children's home	0	2	0
Domestic dwelling	67	53	58
NHS/ Health trust or other establishment providing medical or nursing care	0	1	2
Residential accommodation not subject to Childrens Homes Regulations	0	1	0
Supported Lodgings	0	1	0
Young offender institute or prison	0	1	1
Unknown	1	0	0
Residential family centre	1	0	0

4. How many looked-after children were placed by the local authority in registered children's homes (K2 accommodation) during the year in each of the last 3 financial years. Of those children how many:

- a. were placed into accommodation within the authority area
- b. were placed into accommodation outside of the authority area
- i. For those children placed out of area please provide information on the distance's children were placed in miles. For example, numbers of children placed 0-10 miles, 11-20 miles, 21-30 miles, 31-40, 41-50 miles, 51-100miles, 100+ miles.

Year	In	Out								Total out	
		Less than 10 miles	10 - 20 miles	20-30 miles	30 - 40 miles	40-50 miles	50 - 100 miles	100+ miles	Total out		
2016/17	62	7	15	15	3	4	25	20	89	10 of these children had both a placement inside and outside	
2017/18	74	13	10	12	3	3	21	15	77	9 of these children had a placement both inside and outside	
2018/19	85	14	8	12	6	2	16	10	68	1 of these children had a placement both inside and outside	

5. How many looked-after children were placed into unregulated children's homes accommodation and/or semi-independent children's homes not subject to children's homes regulation (H5 accommodation) during the year in each of the past three financial years. Where possible please provide the ages of children at the time of placement in the following

- a. Under 16
- b. 16-17
- c. 18

Year	Under 16	16 to 17	18**
2017	1*	148	0
2018	0	125	0
2019	0	193	0

*This placement was for only two nights with an older sibling.

**There are no 18 year olds as these young people would no longer be Looked After Children.

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Yours sincerely

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