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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI365989414**

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

You have requested the following information:

**1. How many looked after children do you support? Please give a breakdown for:**

- a. 2018 – 2019
- b. 2019 – 2020
- c. 2020 – 2021

**2. How many of these looked after children are currently living in a placement outside your local authority area? Please give a breakdown for:**

- a. 2018 – 2019
- b. 2019 – 2020
- c. 2020 – 2021

**3. How many of your looked after children are currently living in a placement more than 20 miles outside your local authority area? Please give a breakdown for:**

- a. 2018 – 2019
- b. 2019 – 2020
- c. 2020 – 2021

For Questions 1 to 3, following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Department of Education's website, please use the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-looked-after-children>

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

**4. How many of your looked after children are currently living in a placement more than 100 miles outside your local authority area? Please give a breakdown for:**

**a. 2018 – 2019**

42 children at some point during the year.

**b. 2019 – 2020**

48 children at some point during the year.

**c. 2020 – 2021**

46 children at some point during the year.

**5. How many of your looked after children are currently living in a placement more than 200 miles outside your local authority area? Please give a breakdown for:**

**a. 2018 – 2019**

Five children at some point during the year.

**b. 2019 – 2020**

Three children at some point during the year.

**c. 2020 – 2021**

Seven children at some point during the year.

**6. How much did you spend on services for looked after children in:**

**a. 2018 – 2019**

**b. 2019 – 2020**

**c. 2020 – 2021**

**7. Can you provide a breakdown of how much of that spend was paid to private children's homes and accommodation providers? For each of the following time periods:**

- a. 2018 – 2019**
- b. 2019 – 2020**
- c. 2020 – 2021**

For Questions 6 and 7, following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/section-251-2018-to-2019>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/section-251-2019-to-2020>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/section-251-2020-to-2021>

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Yours faithfully

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