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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI418298413

Thank you for your request for information relating to cost of children's residential placements.

You have requested the following information:

1. What is the most expensive residential care placement you have had to commission for a single child in the past five years, when was it, how long was it for and what specialised services were being provided for that cost? (eg £10k a week for six months for a 13-year-old girl with autism subject to a deprivation of liberty order who was deemed a danger to herself and others). Please indicate if it was a private placement or local authority run provision.

We are unable to provide all the requested information as this could identify the child. The Council considers that this information meets the definition for personal data set out in Section 3(2) and 3(3) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) as:

(2) personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual (subject to subsection (14)(c))”

(3) “Identifiable living individual” means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to –

*(a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or
(b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual.”*

The Council thus considers that the requested information is caught by the exemption to disclosure contained in Section 40 (2) of the FOI Act and the related first condition of Section 40 (3).

To assist, we confirm the most expensive placement over the last 5 years was for a period of 15 days at a rate of between £20-30,000 per week. This was for a 15-year-old male with autism.

2. How often in the past five years have you had to pay at least £10,000 a week per child? Please break down the answer by year and indicate whether the placements were private or local authority.

2019/20: One

2020/21: Four

2021/22: Nine

For years prior to 2019 we confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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