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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI460973507

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

You have requested the following information:

1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for Looked After Children and/or placements in children's care homes.

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For Questions 2 through 6, please supply the following information for the financial years 2018/19 to 2021/22, and where possible, the budget or most up to date snapshot available for 2022/23.

2. Please provide the total number of children looked after by the local authority (please include all placements at any point throughout the financial year).

Please see the attached document.

3. Please provide the local authority's total expenditure on placements for looked after children (this is the total spend on all looked after children and should exclude expenses related to travel, social work visits etc).

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 Council website, please use the following link:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/818/spending_over_500

Please be advised you can download data from each Month for the period you require the data from and then collate the data you require. This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

4. Of the total number of children looked after by the local authority (q.2) please provide the number of placements in children's homes (not including unregulated children's homes, secure units or hostels)

5. Of the total number of children looked after by the local authority in regulated children's homes (q.4) please provide the number placed inside the local authority boundary (in area) and the number placed outside the local authority boundary (out of area). Please exclude unregulated children's homes.

6. Of the number of children looked after by the local authority in regulated children's homes, please provide the number of children looked after by the local authority in:

- **In placements inside the local authority boundary, in 'own provision' (operated by the local authority)**
- **In placements outside the local authority boundary, in 'own provision' (operated by the local authority)**
- **In placements inside the local authority boundary, in 'private provision' (operated by the independent sector)**
- **In placements outside the local authority boundary, in 'private provision' (operated by the independent sector)**

In response to Questions 4 to 6, please see the attached document.

7. Please provide the highest, average (mean), and lowest weekly fee currently paid for LAC in a regulated children's home (please include all placements in regulated children's homes, including those in and outside of the local authority boundary, as well as those operated by the local authority, the independent sector, and others).

We refer you to our response to Question 3.

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[Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

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

Yours faithfully

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Please note all care placements recorded below have been reported as of 31st March, since this is the new metric used by the DFE in our annual statutory returns.

Question 2:

Statutory Year	Number of Looked After Children	Number of Looked After Children as of 31 st March
2018/19	946	703
2019/20	963	701
2020/21	999	747
2021/22	1035	723
2022/23 (To *30/10/2022)	889	756

Question 4:

Statutory Year	Number of Looked After Children in Children's Homes as of 31 st March
2018/19	61
2019/20	57
2020/21	78
2021/22	76
2022/23 (To *30/10/2022)	74

Question 5:

Statutory Year	Number of Looked After Children in Children's Homes in Coventry as of 31 st March	Number of Looked After Children in Children's Homes outside Coventry as of 31 st March
2018/19	10	51
2019/20	19	38
2020/21	24	54
2021/22	24	52
2022/23 (To *30/10/2022)	23	51

Question 6:

Statutory Year	Number of placements in Own Provision in Coventry as of 31 st March	Number of placements in Own Provision outside Coventry as of 31 st March	Number of placements in Private Provision in Coventry as of 31 st March	Number of placements in Private Provision outside Coventry as of 31 st March
2018/19	4	0	6	51
2019/20	14	0	5	38
2020/21	13	0	11	54
2021/22	14	0	10	52
2022/23 (to *30/10/2022)	15	0	8	51