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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI466364169**

Thank you for your request for information relating to s.20 Children Act 1983.

You have requested the following information:

**1. How many 16 and 17 year olds were presented to your local authority as 'requiring accommodation' for any of the reasons specified in s.20 Children Act 1983 in the periods (as per your financial year)**

- a. 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018?**
- b. 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019?**
- c. 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020?**
- d. 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021?**
- e. 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2022?**

Please see the attached document.

**2. Please complete the following table - as per your financial year. Please only include 16/17 year olds accommodated alone, not with their families:**

- 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018**
- 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019**
- 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020**
- 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021**
- 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022**

**a. Total number of 16/17 year olds accommodated under section 17 of the Children Act 1983**

1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018 – We do not hold this information and therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019:15

1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020:16

1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021: 4

1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022: 2

**b. Total number of 16/17 year olds accommodated under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended)**

1 April 2017 – 31 March 2022: 0

**c. Total number of 16/17 year olds accommodated on another basis apart from section 20 of the Children Act 1983 (please specify what basis eg through a supported accommodation pathway)**

Please see the attached document.

**d. Total number of 16/17 year olds accommodated under s.20 Children Act 1983**

Please refer to the attached document. This is answered in Question 1.

**3. Please complete the following table as per your financial year. Please only include 16/17 year olds accommodated alone, not with their families:**

**a. AT 31 MARCH 2018**

**Number housed in accommodation also occupied by adults who do not provide contracted care and support (including adult hostel accommodation and shared accommodation with floating support)**

**i. 16/17 year olds accommodated under section 17 of the Children Act 1983**

1 April 2017 – 31 March 2022: 0

**ii. 16/17 year olds accommodated under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended)**

1 April 2017 – 31 March 2022: 0

**iii. 16/17 year olds accommodated on another basis (eg through a supported housing pathway)**

0.

**b. AT 31 MARCH 2019**

**Number housed in accommodation also occupied by adults who do not provide contracted care and support (including adult hostel accommodation and shared accommodation with floating support)**

**i. 16/17 year olds accommodated under section 17 of the Children Act 1983**

1 April 2017 – 31 March 2022: 0

**ii. 16/17 year olds accommodated under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended)**

1 April 2017 – 31 March 2022: 0

**iii. 16/17 year olds accommodated on another basis (eg through a supported housing**

**pathway)**

0.

**c. AT 31 MARCH 2020**

**Number housed in accommodation also occupied by adults who do not provide contracted care and support (including adult hostel accommodation and shared accommodation with floating support)**

**i. 16/17 year olds accommodated under section 17 of the Children Act 1983**

1 April 2017 – 31 March 2022: 0

**ii. 16/17 year olds accommodated under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended)**

0.

**iii. 16/17 year olds accommodated on another basis (eg through a supported housing pathway)**

1 April 2017 – 31 March 2022: 0

**d. AT 31 MARCH 2021**

**Number housed in accommodation also occupied by adults who do not provide contracted care and support (including adult hostel accommodation and shared accommodation with floating support)**

**i. 16/17 year olds accommodated under section 17 of the Children Act 1983**

1 April 2017 – 31 March 2022: 0

**ii. 16/17 year olds accommodated under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended)**

1 April 2017 – 31 March 2022: 0

**iii. 16/17 year olds accommodated on another basis (eg through a supported housing pathway)**

0.

**e. AT 31 MARCH 2022**

**Number housed in accommodation also occupied by adults who do not provide contracted care and support (including adult hostel accommodation and shared accommodation with floating support)**

**i. 16/17 year olds accommodated under section 17 of the Children Act 1983**

1 April 2017 – 31 March 2022: 0

**ii. 16/17 year olds accommodated under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended)**

1 April 2017 – 31 March 2022: 0

**iii. 16/17 year olds accommodated on another basis (eg through a supported housing pathway)**

0.

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Yours faithfully

**Information Governance**

1. How many 16- and 17-year-olds were presented to your local authority as 'requiring accommodation' for any of the reasons specified in s.20 Children Act 1983 in the periods (as per your financial year)

Financial Year	Number Of Periods Of Care Starting Under Section 20	Number Of Unique Children's Period Of Care Starting under S20 ( Removing where Children Started Care Multiple Times in the Same FY Under S20)
2017-18	30	30
2018-19	50	47
2019-20	39	39
2020-21	41	40
2021-22	60	59
Total	220	215

2C. Total number of 16/17 year olds accommodated on another basis apart from section 20 of the Children Act 1983 (please specify what basis eg through a supported accommodation pathway)

Financial Year	Number Of Periods Of Care Starting Not Under Section 20	Number Of Unique Children's Period Of Care Starting not under S20 ( Removing where Children Started Care Multiple Times in the Same FY not Under S20)
2017-18	6	6
2018-19	20	18
2019-20	18	18
2020-21	9	9
2021-22	6	5
Total	59	56