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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI512972466

Thank you for your request for information relating to 16+ Looked after Children Placement Costs and Data Information.

You have requested the following information:

I am writing to request information about the numbers and cost of placements for 16 and 17 year old looked after children in your local authority.

Can you please answer the following questions:

1. How many 16 and 17 year old looked after children is your local authority responsible for currently?

As of 31 May 2023, there were 188 looked after children 16 or 17 years of age.

2. How many 16 and 17 year old looked after children in your local authority are currently placed out of area?

As of 31 May 2023, there were 57 looked after children 16 or 17 years of age placed out of area.

3. How many 16 and 17 year old looked after children were accommodated in spot purchased placements (off framework/contracted arrangements) in the 22/23 financial year?

Residential: As of 23 May 2023, we have 14 young people aged 16/17 in spot residential

placements.

Supported: As of 23 May 2023, we have four young people aged 16/17 in spot supported accommodation placements

4. What was the cost of placements/supported accommodation for 16 and 17 year olds per week for the 22/23 financial year?

a. lowest cost

£434.00 per week

b. highest cost

£5,950.00 per week

c. average cost

£567.01 per week

5. Are there sufficient placements in your local authority area for 16 and 17 year old looked after children who have a high level of complex needs?

There is a need for more placements within the city for children who have high levels of complex needs whose needs can best be met in a residential children's home. This includes children who will transition to the care of adult services.

Our current placing arrangements for supported accommodation are via Block Contracts. A small number of additional properties/homes are commissioned for young people with high support needs, with a view to decrease support over time or who require an out of city placement. However sometimes it can be difficult to source accommodation for young people with complex needs who require high support for a short period, at very short notice.

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Yours faithfully

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