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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI553885328

Thank you for your request for information relating to Number of disabled looked after children and care leavers.

You have requested the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Children's Social care. Please may you provide me with the numbers of looked after children and care leavers with a disability.

**If possible I would like you to provide this information using the attached EXCEL template
Time frame for the data: numbers relate to looked after children / care leavers you are currently supporting on a given date (i.e. date the data is extracted)**

Below are the questions (also supplied in attached WORD document):

1. How many looked after children have a disability*

Answer options:

- TOTAL - Total number of looked after children**
- YES - Number of looked after children with a disability**
- NO - Number of looked after children who do not have a disability**
- UNKNOWN - Number of looked after children where disability status unknown**

2. Please provide the number of looked after children with different types of disability as recorded on your Children Social Care management information system

NB: Children in need census guidance includes categories: mobility; hand function; personal care; incontinence; communication; learning; hearing; vision; behaviour;**

consciousness; diagnosed with autism or Asperger syndrome; other DDA.

Answer options:

- NONE – number of looked after children recorded as 'none'
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- HAND – number of looked after children recorded as 'hand function'
- PC – number of looked after children recorded as 'personal care'
- INC – number of looked after children recorded as 'incontinence'
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- BEH – number of looked after children recorded as 'behaviour'
- CON – number of looked after children recorded as 'consciousness'
- AUT – number of looked after children recorded as 'diagnosed as autism or Asperger syndrome'
- DDA – number of looked after children recorded as 'other DDA'

3. How many care leavers*** have a disability?

Answer options:

- TOTAL - Total number of care leavers
- YES - Number of care leavers with a disability
- NO - Number of care leavers who do not have a disability
- UNKNOWN - Number of care leavers where disability status unknown

4. Please give the number of care leavers*** with different types of disability as recorded on your LA management information system.

NB: Children in need guidance** includes categories: mobility; hand function; personal care; incontinence; communication; learning; hearing; vision; behaviour; consciousness; diagnosed with autism or Asperger syndrome; other DDA.

Answer options:

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5. Any comments or other additional information you collect on disabled looked after children or care leavers.

Please see the attached document with the responses.

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

Yours faithfully

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Below are the questions (also supplied in attached WORD document):

Please note: The responses below are as at 19 October 2023.

1. How many looked after children have a disability*

Answer options:

- TOTAL - Total number of looked after children
- YES - Number of looked after children with a disability
- NO - Number of looked after children who do not have a disability
- UNKNOWN - Number of looked after children where disability status unknown

Response

- TOTAL – 726 looked after children
- YES – 63 are recorded with a disability
- NO – 663 are recorded as not having a disability
- UNKNOWN – 0 recorded with disability status unknown

2. Please provide the number of looked after children with different types of disability as recorded on your Children Social Care management information system

Response:

NB: Children in need census guidance** includes categories: mobility; hand function; personal care; incontinence; communication; learning; hearing; vision; behaviour; consciousness; diagnosed with autism or Asperger syndrome; other DDA.

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Response:

Children with identified disability types

Note: a looked after child may have more than one disability type, hence the total count below of children with an individual disability type is greater than the total number of disabled looked after children (63; see Q1 response above). All 63 looked after children have one or more of the disability types recorded below.

Disability description	Code	Number of children with condition
None	NONE	663
Mobility	MOB	3
Hand function	HAND	1
Personal care	PC	2
Incontinence	INC	0
Communication	COMM	7
Learning	LD	17
Hearing	HEAR	1
Vision	VIS	4
Behaviour	BEH	13
Consciousness	CON	0
Diagnosed as autism or Asperger syndrome	AUT	36
Other DDA	DDA	9
Total disability types recorded (excluding NONE)	Total	93

3. How many care leavers*** have a disability?

Answer options:

- TOTAL - Total number of care leavers
- YES - Number of care leavers with a disability
- NO - Number of care leavers who do not have a disability
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Response

- TOTAL – 467 care leavers (relevant / former relevant status)
- YES – 69 are recorded with a disability
- NO – 398 are not recorded with a disability
- UNKNOWN – 0 with disability status unknown

4. Please give the number of care leavers*** with different types of disability as recorded on your LA management information system.

NB: Children in need guidance** includes categories: mobility; hand function; personal care; incontinence; communication; learning; hearing; vision; behaviour; consciousness; diagnosed with autism or Asperger syndrome; other DDA.

Answer options:

- TOTAL – total number of care leavers – See Q3 response above
- NONE – number of care leavers recorded as 'none'
- MOB – number of care leavers recorded as 'mobility'
- HAND – number of care leavers recorded as 'hand function'
- PC – number of care leavers recorded as 'personal care'
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Response:

Care leavers with identified disability types

Note: a young person may have more than one disability type, hence the total count below of care leavers with an individual disability type is greater than the total number of care leavers (69; see Q3 response above). All 69 care leavers have one or more of the disability types recorded below.

Disability description	Code	Number of care leavers with condition
None	NONE	398
Mobility	MOB	5
Hand function	HAND	0
Personal care	PC	1
Incontinence	INC	1
Communication	COMM	6
Learning	LD	23
Hearing	HEAR	4
Vision	VIS	5
Behaviour	BEH	24
Consciousness	CON	3
Diagnosed as autism or Asperger syndrome	AUT	31
Other DDA	DDA	3
Total disability types recorded (excluding NONE)		106

5. Any comments or other additional information you collect on disabled looked after children or care leavers.

None.