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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI586351793

Thank you for your request for information relating to Children's social care spending.

You have requested the following information:

I am writing with a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Could I ask, for the financial years 2018-19, 22-23 and 23-24:

1. How much did your local authority spend on providing residential placements to children taken into the council's care? Please provide a breakdown for each year, including a projected spend for the rest of 23-24 if it is available.

18/19	22/23	23/24 projection
£11,172,274	£20,162,333	£23,913,288

2. Of that figure, how much of the figure was spent on private-sector residential placements? Again, please provide a breakdown for each year and include a projected spend for the rest of 23-24 if it is available.

18/19	22/23	23/24 projection
£9,164,318	£16,741,621	£20,447,964

3. How many children were taken into the council's care for each financial year?

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 Department for Education website, please use the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-looked-after-children#looked-after-children>

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

Yours faithfully

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