



My Ref: FOI/ 5489
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

1. The total number of referrals to Children’s Services per year each year for the last five years

Year	Total Distinct Referrals	Concerning CYP
2020/21	2724	2724
2021/22	2813	2813
2022/23	2508	3149
2023/24	1691	3263
2024/25	1684	3272

Be aware that due to a system migration in 2022/23 referrals prior to this point are recorded at child level and we are unable to provide distinct referrals without additional work. The number of relevant CYP has been provided for greater clarity.

2. The total budget allocated to Children’s services (by calendar year or financial year, whichever is easier) each year for the last five years

Year	Total Childrens Services Budget*
2020/21	33,514,135
2021/22	42,848,833
2022/23	50,805,527
2023/24	55,680,382
2024/25	69,712,857

**Includes Education & Partnerships, Children’s Social Care and Commissioning.*

3. The total cost of employing agency (temporary / non-staff) social workers per year each year for the last five years

Year	Agency Social Workers
2023/24	5,139,273
2024/25	2,369,767

**We do not hold this information to the level of detail requested prior to 2023/24*

4. Total expenditure on housing children and young adults in non-local authority (ie. privately run) children's homes per year each year for the last five years, and the average cost per child per annum for such placements in each year for the last five years

Year	Total Cost of External Residential Childrens Homes	Average Cost per child per annum in External Residential Childrens Homes
2020/21	2,912,131	195,227
2021/22	4,635,882	261,176
2022/23	6,902,806	283,677
2023/24	12,270,049	322,896
2024/25	14,367,219	349,001

**The average cost of external residential care per child, per annum is based on the total costs of external residential care for the year divided by the average number of children in external residential care per month.*

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

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Kind regards,

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