



My Ref: FOI 6571
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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: -

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information relating to children's residential placements commissioned by your local authority. For the most recent complete financial year available (or the last 12 months if easier), please provide:

Average Weekly Placement Fee by Children's Home Size

The average weekly fee paid for children's residential placements, broken down by the registered capacity of the children's home: Home Size (Registered Beds) Average Weekly Fee Paid (£) 1-bed home 2-bed home 3-bed home 4-bed home 5-bed home 6-bed home Definitions For the purposes of this request:

- **Please include placements commissioned in Ofsted-registered children's homes only.**
- **Please calculate the average based on the weekly fee actually paid by the local authority.**
- **Where a placement includes additional funding (e.g. enhanced staffing, education, therapy or complex needs uplifts), please include these costs within the average fee if they form part of the placement cost.**
- **If your authority records capacity differently, please use the home's registered bed capacity as recorded by Ofsted or your commissioning records.**

Additional Information (if available) If readily available without exceeding cost limits, please also provide:

- 1. The number of placements used within each home size category.**
- 2. The highest weekly fee paid within each category.**
- 3. The lowest weekly fee paid within each category.**
- 4. Whether the figures relate to internal provision, external provision, or a combination of both.**

We do not hold this information in a format that records or categorises placement costs by the registered bed capacity of the children's home.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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