



My Ref: FOI/4227
Your Ref:
Date: 08/04/2025
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: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

1. Data on the current and historical demand (e.g., over the past 3–5 years, if available) for placements in:

- **Children's homes**

2023/24 – 48

2022/23 – 38

2021/22 – 29

- **16+ supported living accommodation**

2023/24 – 73

2022/23 – 49

2021/22 – 19

- **Family assessment services**

2023/24 – 9

2022/23 – 10

2021/22 – 8

- **This could include, for example, the number of children placed in these services, unmet demand, or waiting lists, if such information is recorded.**

This is currently being reviewed and updated so not yet available to be shared. We can share this document with you once it has been finalised.

A copy of your local authority's most recent sufficiency strategy (or equivalent document) outlining plans to secure sufficient accommodation and support for children in care and care leavers, as required under Section 22G of the Children Act 1989. If an updated version is not available, I would be grateful for the most recent iteration.

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.

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:

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

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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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