

1. How many Looked After Children under the care of your council were placed as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023:
  - a. Outside the council's boundary and more than 20 miles away from home?
  - b. Outside the council's boundary and more than 50 miles away from home?
  - c. Outside the council's boundary and more than 100 miles away from home?

1a: 81  
1b: 6  
1c: 2

2. How many Looked After Children's residential care placements (both external and in-house) were costing more than £10,000 per week as at 31st December 2023 (whether you were paying for it standalone or in combination with health partners)?

5 placements

3. As at 31st December 2023, what was the highest weekly cost of a Looked After Child's residential care placement that your council was paying for standalone (i.e. no other partner organisations such as Health were contributing towards it)?

£17,581.00

4. As at 31st December 2023, what was the highest weekly cost of a Looked After Child's residential care placement that your council was contributing to with other partners such as Health?

£15002.00

5. In relation to both questions 2, 3 and 4, what were the names of the residential care homes where the Looked After Children were residing?

The names of the residential care homes are exempt from disclosure under Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA). Section 38 (i)(b) states that information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, endanger the safety of any individual. Disclosure under the FoIA is deemed to be to the world at large. To disclose the full names of residential care homes to the world at large would put at risk the safety of Looked After Children. As this is a qualified exemption, the Council is required to undertake a public interest test. The Council acknowledges its obligations of transparency and accountability in all its undertakings. However, in this case, the safeguarding of Looked After Children would be put at risk by publishing the names of residential care homes and clearly outweighs the public interest in the transparency of information.