



## Request

Please can you tell me:

1. How many children's homes there are in your local authority area
2. How many are local authority controlled and how many are private
3. How many are registered with Ofsted
4. How many are unregistered

Please can you provide a list of the children's homes, including:

- name
- whether each one is local authority controlled and or privately controlled
- address
- if they are registered or unregistered
- number of children living in each home
- how many children the council has placed in each home for each year over the past five calendar years
- how much money the council has spent on each placement
- how many children other councils (include name of council) have placed in each home for each year over the past five calendar years
- when each home was last inspected by the council, if applicable

## Response

1. On 17.02.2025 there are 48 Ofsted registered children's homes in Wigan.
2. Of these 48 homes 5 are local authority controlled.
3. All 48 homes are registered with Ofsted.
4. We do not hold this information as the provider is not required to inform the LA that an unregistered home is in operation.

We are unable to provide the names of registered children's homes.

The attached spreadsheet lists each home, whether they are LA, private or voluntary operated.

All are Ofsted registered.

We are unable to provide the number of children living in the home – the attached spreadsheet shows the capacity of each home.

Number of Wigan children placed in each home is detailed on the attached spreadsheet.

The costs the LA has spent on both External Residential and Internal Homes (excluding respite) for the 5 years are as follows:

Overall Placement Costs			
	External Residential	Internal Homes	
2020/2021	£11.9m	£2.0m	
2021/2022	£19.5m	£1.7m	
2022/2023	£21.4m	£1.5m	
2023/2024	£22.0m	£1.5m	
2024/2025	£22.2m	£1.5m	Reflects 11 months spend end Feb 2025

(We are unable to provide the costs per individual over the 5 years requested as this would exceed the 18 hrs finding time).

We do not hold accurate information regarding the number of children from other local authorities placed in Wigan children's homes.

Wigan council do not inspect children's homes, this function is undertaken by Ofsted.