



I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to obtain information regarding the highest-cost residential placements for looked-after children within your authority.

Please provide the following details for the 2023/24 financial year (or the most recent available data):

High-Cost Residential Placements

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| 1. The highest weekly fee paid for a single residential children's home placement, excluding secure accommodation. | £23,107.00 |
| 2. The number of placements currently costing: | |
| o £10,000 - £19,999 per week | (i) 5 |
| o £20,000 - £29,999 per week | (ii) 1 |
| o £30,000 - £49,999 per week | (iii) 0 |
| o £50,000 or more per week | (iv) 0 |
| 3. For placements exceeding £30,000 per week, please provide: | N/A no placements exceeding £30,000.00 per week |
| o Whether the child is in a solo placement. | |
| o The staffing ratio (e.g., 2:1, 3:1, or higher). | |
| o The nature of the child's needs (e.g., severe trauma, extreme aggression, sexual exploitation risk, severe mental health, etc.). | |
| o Whether the placement is in a children's home, bespoke residential setting, or another arrangement. | |

Procurement and Contracting Details

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| 4. The total number of children in external residential placements funded by your council. | 73 |
| 5. The total annual expenditure on external residential children's home placements for the last financial year. | £22.921m |
| 6. The names of the top five providers receiving the highest payments from the council for residential children's home placements. | All Round Care, Birtenshaw, Inspire, My3 Ltd and Velox Social Care. |
| 7. Whether the council uses direct award placements, spot purchases, or only procures through framework agreements. | Wigan LA use PNW Framework but also uses direct/spot purchase awards. |
| 8. If frameworks are used, which frameworks does the council procure children's residential placements from (e.g., South West Consortium, London Care Placements, etc.)? | Placements Northwest Framework |

9. For placements made via spot purchase, please provide:

- The total spend on spot-purchased placements in the last financial year.
- The number of children currently in spot-purchased placements.

(i) £13.65m for 23/24 financial year
(ii) Residential = 28, Fostering = 10,
Supported Accommodation = 0

Commissioning & Contract Negotiation Contacts

10. Contact details for the person(s) responsible for awarding and negotiating contracts for children's residential placements, including:

- Name
- Job title
- Email address
- Phone number

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