



Reference: FOI1193

Request:

1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for Looked After Children and/or placements in children's care homes.

For questions 2 through 5, please supply the following information as a snapshot at the end of the year for financial years 2014/15 to 2018/19.

2. How many Looked After Children in the local authority have;

- (a) an ASD (primary type of need) and
- (b) SEMH (primary type of need)?

3. Of the Looked After Children with ASD (primary type of need) and SEMH (primary type of need) (Q2), how many are funded by the local authority in children's homes (excluding secure units and hostels)?

4. Of the Looked After Children with ASD (primary type of need) and SEMH (primary type of need) funded by the local authority in children's homes

(Q3), how many are in;

- (a) in-house/local authority children's homes and
- (b) independent children's homes?

5. Of the Looked After Children with ASD (primary type of need) and SEMH (primary type of need) in children's homes (all, in-house/local authority and independent) (Q3 & 4), how many are in out of area placements?

6. What is the local authority's total expenditure on children's home placements (all, in-house/local authority and independent) for Looked After Children with ASD (primary type of need) and SEMH (primary type of need) for each of the financial years 2014/15 to 2018/19?

Response:

Please see attached spreadsheet.

Data on SEMH is not readily available and would require a manual check of over 1400 files; therefore this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the

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