



Reference: FOI-768

**Request:**

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for details of looked after children placed in residential children's homes.

More specifically, I am requesting the following:

1. The total number of looked after children the council currently (as of, or around, today's date) has Corporate Parenting responsibility for, who are currently placed in residential children's homes (excluding fostering placements, secure children's homes, residential special schools registered as children's homes, children's homes that provide respite care or short breaks only, and unregulated settings). Please note this definition of children's homes is the same used by the Department for Education in collating children's homes data in the Children's Homes Data Pack.
2. A breakdown of this total showing the number of placements within the local authority, and the number outside the local authority. Example table below:

**Response:**

1. 91
2. TABLE: Placements within the LA

Home local authority	Number of placements
North Tyneside	71

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TABLE: Placements outside the LA

\*As the number of looked after children which have been placed in various locations outside of the Local Authority is <5, this information has been withheld to protect confidentiality and reduce the risk of identifying those individuals. Therefore, information is withheld under Section 40(2) of the Act. Information is exempt from disclosure if it is the personal data of an individual other than the requester and where the disclosure of that personal data would be in breach of any of the data protection principles.

Outside local authorities	Number of placements
County Durham	*
Northumberland	*
Cumbria	*
Gateshead	*
Newcastle	*
South Lakeland	*
South Lanarkshire	*
South Tyneside	*
Sunderland	*
Wakefield	*
Warrington	*

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