



Reference: FOI-899

**Request:**

1. How many 16 and 17 year old looked after children is your local authority responsible for currently?
2. How many 16 and 17 year old looked after children in your local authority are currently placed out of area?
3. How many 16 and 17 year old looked after children were accommodated in spot purchased placements (off framework/contracted arrangements) in the 22/23 financial year?
4. What was the cost of placements/supported accommodation for 16 and 17 year olds per week for the 22/23 financial year?
  - a) lowest cost
  - b) highest cost
  - c) average cost
5. Are there sufficient placements in your local authority area for 16 and 17 year old looked after children who have a high level of complex needs?

**Response:**

1. 99
2. 33
3. 35 in spot purchased 16+ Supported Accommodation, 8 in off-framework Children's Homes
  - a) £240pw.
  - b) £7399pw.
  - c) Information not held.
4. Most of our placement needs for 16/17 year olds can be met by either our in-house service, Under 25s block contract or other existing local external provision. Occasionally we do have young people with very complex needs whose needs cannot be met by existing local services.

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